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ZEV'S PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE ENERGY LANDSCAPE GIVES HIS CLIENTS AN ADVANTAGE WHEN THEY NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THEIR BUSINESS AND REGULATORY CHALLENGES.

Zev has served clients in the energy industry for more than 15 years. Unlike many energy attorneys who concentrate on only one or two aspects of the industry, Zev has a truly diversified practice. His experience ranges from counseling clients regarding rates, PURPA, economic development, infrastructure development, municipal relations, electricity sale and purchase transactions, and asset transfers to representing clients in all manner of regulatory proceedings before state and federal commissions including rate cases, resource plans, and interjurisdictional matters.

Zev's broad energy industry perspective is informed by his service as a legislative aide to United States Senator Bob Graham, who he advised on energy, environmental and agricultural issues. Clients appreciate Zev's multi-dimensional experience because it enables him to more effectively evaluate their legal challenges and develop solutions to advance their business interests.

Select Experience

Regulated Transactions

- Represented Midwest utility in all aspects of material economic development transaction and related regulatory proceedings.
- Represented Colorado utility on material asset sales and purchases.
- Assisted Midwestern utility in federal jurisdictional wheeling and distribution interconnection agreements for mid-size hydro facility.
- Assisted Midwestern utilities in various transmission asset sales and purchases including the acquisition of 500-mile DC transmission line and sale of 30-mile transmission line.

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2007)
- Middlebury College (B.A., 2000)

Bar Admissions

- New Mexico
- Texas
- Minnesota
- Colorado
- North Dakota
- South Dakota

Professional Affiliations

- Energy Bar Association, Member
- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member, Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section
- North Dakota Bar Association, Member

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Energy & Natural Resources, Minnesota, 2025-2026
 - *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021-2026
 - Thomson Reuters, "Stand-Out Lawyer," 2024-2025
 - *Minnesota Monthly*, Top Lawyer in Administrative / Regulatory Law and Energy Law, 2024
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Insights

October 6, 2025

Energy Law: Month in Review - September 2025

June 5, 2024

Minnesota Energy Infrastructure Permitting Reform

February 17, 2023

D.C. Circuit Upholds FERC's Broadview of PURPA

November 4, 2022

FERC Increases Regulatory Oversight of Investors With Officers or Directors on Public Utilities' Boards

February/March 2020

DIG Magazine

September 23, 2019

FERC Proposes Major Changes to PURPA Regulations

July 23, 2019

FERC Issues Order No. 860: Changes Data Collection Requirements for Market Based Rate Sellers

Industrial Siting

