



## ZAKI ROBBINS

Zaki Robbins is a seasoned attorney at Fennemore, where he leverages extensive experience in renewable energy, privacy law, and a wide array of business and finance matters to provide strategic legal counsel to his clients. He advises companies ranging from startups to large corporations, guiding them through complex legal landscapes with a practical and solutions-oriented approach.

In the renewable energy sector, Zaki has represented developers, investors, and operators in transactions involving solar, wind, and other clean energy projects. His work includes drafting and negotiating power purchase agreements (PPAs), advising on project financing structures, and handling regulatory compliance with state and federal renewable energy standards. He is adept at navigating the unique challenges of this industry, including state-level incentive programs and federal regulatory frameworks.

Zaki is also well-versed in both state and federal privacy laws, ensuring that clients remain compliant with a rapidly changing legal environment. He advises on the implementation of data protection strategies, statutory and regulatory legal compliance, and the development of privacy policies and internal governance structures that protect sensitive customer information while maintaining business efficiency.

In the area of business and finance law, Zaki's practice spans mergers and acquisitions (M&A), corporate governance, debt and equity financing, and securities matters. He has successfully represented clients in complex M&A transactions, assisting with deal structuring, due diligence, and negotiation, while ensuring compliance with relevant securities laws. His expertise in corporate governance includes advising boards of directors and executive teams on fiduciary duties, governance frameworks, and corporate compliance matters.

Zaki's work in securities law includes counseling clients on capital-raising efforts, from private equity investments and venture capital funding to public offerings and private placements. He routinely advises on both federal and state securities regulations, including compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules of the SEC and FINRA. His experience in debt and equity financing enables him to craft innovative solutions to help clients optimize their capital structure and funding strategies.

In addition, Zaki represents venture capital funds and startup companies, providing counsel throughout the investment lifecycle. He assists venture capital firms in structuring and executing their investments in early-stage companies, while guiding startups through seed funding, Series A/B/C rounds, and beyond. His work includes negotiating term sheets, drafting investment agreements, and advising on governance and exit strategies that position startups for long-term success.

Zaki is deeply engaged in his community, having participated in the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's Impact Denver and Leadership Denver programs. He has also served as a director or trustee on various boards, including the Colorado Bar Association, the Colorado Solar and Storage Association, the Denver Preschool Program, Mullen High School, the Hampden Heights Civic Association, and Back on My Feet Denver. His commitment to civic leadership underscores his dedication to making a positive impact both professionally and personally.

With a multifaceted legal background and a strong sense of community, Zaki Robbins delivers tailored legal solutions that are grounded in a deep understanding of his clients' industries and business objectives, making him a trusted partner in achieving their long-term success.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Michigan
- B.A., University of Virginia

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business & Finance
- Advanced Energy
- Emerging Businesses & Technologies
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Privacy & Data Security
- Real Estate

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- *5280 Magazine* Top Securities Lawyer 2022 – 2024
- *Attorney Intel: Top 25 Attorneys of Colorado*, 2024
- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch: Corporate Law*, 2023 – 2024; *Energy Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law*, 2024
- *Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star: Business/Corporate*, 2023 – 2024
- *Law Week Colorado* "Barrister's Best" Securities Lawyer, 2023

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Quoted, "New Treasury Reporting Rules May Be A Shock To Many Cos.," *Law360 Tax Authority*, January 2024
- Co-Author, "Corporate Transparency Act and Beneficial Ownership Reporting," *Firm Blog*, January 2024

- Co-Author, "Energize Denver: Moving toward a more sustainable Denver," *Colorado Real Estate Journal*, December 2023
- Co-Author, "Client Alert: Beneficial Ownership Reporting and How it Affects Business Owners," *Firm Blog*, April 2023
- Author, "EVs, Supply Chains, and Infrastructure: 4 Renewable Energy Trends to Watch in 2022," *Renewable Energy World*, February 2022

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association, Executive Council 2019 – 2021
- Colorado Bar Foundation, Bar Fellow
- Colorado General Counsel Mentorship Program, 2020 – 2022
- Colorado Solar and Storage Association, Board Member and Secretary
- Colorado Water Trust, Tributary
- Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, Leadership Denver, 2023; Impact Denver, Spring 2019
- Denver Preschool Program, Board Member
- Mullen High School, Board of Trustees
- Sam Carey Bar Association

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Colorado
- New York