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### ZAKI ROBBINS

Zaki Robbins is a business, finance, and real estate attorney at Fennemore who counsels companies, investors, and emerging growth clients on complex transactions and regulatory matters. He combines broad subject-matter experience with a practical, solutions-oriented approach to help clients achieve their strategic goals.

In his corporate practice, Zaki advises on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and capital raising. He structures transactions, coordinates diligence, negotiates definitive agreements, and manages closings, while counseling boards and executives on fiduciary duties, governance frameworks, and compliance. His financing experience spans debt and equity transactions for growth, recapitalizations, and investor exits.

His real estate and finance practice emphasizes mortgage markets and complex real estate transactions. He represents issuers, loan sellers, and investors in commercial mortgage-backed securitizations, as well as buyers and sellers of commercial and multifamily mortgage loans, loan participations, and other structured debt instruments. He also advises lenders, funds, and investors on the origination, acquisition, financing, and restructuring of commercial real estate assets, including mortgage and mezzanine loans, revolving credit facilities, and debtor-in-possession financings.

Zaki represents venture capital funds and startups throughout the investment lifecycle, including negotiating term sheets and investment agreements, guiding companies through seed and later-stage financings, and structuring governance frameworks that scale. He regularly advises on investor rights, secondary transactions, and exit planning.

He also advises developers, investors, and operators in the renewable energy sector on project development, finance, and regulatory matters. His work includes power purchase agreements, project finance structures, and compliance considerations affecting siting, interconnection, and project economics, from initial negotiations through closing.

His privacy practice includes designing and implementing compliance programs, risk assessments, and governance structures under state and federal regimes. He advises on aligning legal obligations with business operations, incident response, and vendor and data-sharing arrangements.

Committed to civic leadership, Zaki has participated in the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's programs and has served with organizations 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.

## 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
- Cannabis Business

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Real Estate Law, 2026
- 500 Leading U.S. Energy Lawyers, Lawdragon, 2025
- *5280 Magazine* Top Securities Lawyer 2022 – 2024
- Attorney Intel: Top 25 Attorneys of Colorado, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, 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

- Co-Author, "Business Contracts in 2025: Straightforward Answers for Nuanced Situations," Fennemore Blog, August 14, 2025
- Author, "Colorado's Clean Energy Commitment: Staying the Course Amid Federal Policy Shifts," Fennemore Blog, June 10, 2025
- Co-Author, "Treasury Suspends Enforcement of Corporate Transparency Act & Proposes Narrowed Scope," Fennemore Blog, March 5, 2025
- Author, "Q&A: How advanced energy is vital to the U.S. meeting the projected surge in energy demand," *Denver Business Journal*, March 1, 2025
- Co-Author, "Client Alert: Corporate Transparency Act Compliance – New Filing Deadline & Compliance Tool," Fennemore Blog, February 20, 2025

- Co-Author, "Nationwide Injunction Temporarily Halts Corporate Transparency Act BOIR Filing Requirements: What You Need to Know," Fennemore Blog, December 5, 2024
- 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