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John L. Watson Featured in Law Week Colorado on Energy Sector Challenges

Spencer Fane attorney John L. Watson was recently quoted in the feature Law Week Energy and Natural Resources Deep Dive, published by *Law Week Colorado*.

The article highlights John's perspective on the complex and evolving legal landscape shaping Colorado's energy and natural resources sector, particularly as climate policy drives stricter emissions, water use, and disclosure requirements. He emphasizes that efforts to decarbonize are increasing compliance burdens, regulatory risk, and legal challenges, while also creating tension between affordability, reliability, and policy goals. John also notes that misalignment between state and federal priorities is adding uncertainty, making legal strategy a critical component in navigating the energy transition.

"One thing policymakers and the public should better understand is that the energy transition isn't just a policy exercise; it's a legal and regulatory process that plays out over time. Achieving policy goals requires navigating a multilayered system of statutes, regulations, permitting processes, and judicial review, each of which can introduce delays and uncertainty," John said.

At the firm, John leverages his in-depth commercial trial and litigation knowledge to represent clients in a variety of complex commercial cases, including breach of contract actions; real estate and land development; special district litigation; construction disputes between contractors and subcontractors; securities litigation; public land and natural resources law; mining; oil and gas; wildlife; toxic tort; Superfund; and air, water, and waste environmental cases.

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