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**PRACTICES**

Native Affairs  
Public Lands  
Real Estate  
Renewable Energy

**EDUCATION**

University of Colorado School of Law  
Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies  
Vassar College

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

Alaska State Bar  
U.S. Supreme Court

**GREGG D. RENKES**

**SENIOR COUNSEL**



**Professional Background**

Bringing over 30 years of experience, Gregg focuses his practice on matters relating to energy, environmental, public lands, Alaska Native and federal Native American law. In addition, with over a decade of prior experience as general counsel for a national commercial real estate and energy development company, Gregg brings seasoned leadership expertise to real estate, energy, and infrastructure project development teams.

Prior to joining the firm as Senior Counsel, Gregg was appointed to the position of Administrative Judge on the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) where he decided appeals from Department of the Interior bureau decisions relating to the use and disposition of public lands and their resources. Before joining the IBLA, he held the positions of Senior Counselor to the Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy at the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he developed and led the execution of policy priorities and regulatory initiatives through departmental, inter-agency and executive processes and reviewed all matters requiring secretarial action.

Earlier in his career, Gregg served as Alaska Attorney General where, as the State's top law enforcement official, he led nearly 400 lawyers at the Alaska Department of Law with a focus on prosecuting crime, defending the State's sovereignty, and responsibly developing the State's natural resource wealth. Unlike most other states, Alaska has no system of county prosecutors, and the Attorney General has the responsibility of prosecuting all violations of state law. Gregg was appointed to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, managing settlement funds for environmental restoration of Prince William Sound, and the Alaska Permanent Fund Board, which oversees the State's public fund exceeding \$70 billion. He co-chaired, with the U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska, the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission, created by Congress to review and provide recommendations regarding federal, state, and local jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters and the criminal justice needs of rural Alaskans. Gregg served in the U.S. Senate for nearly a dozen years in various capacities including Chief of Staff for Senator Frank Murkowski (R-AK) and Majority Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

When he is not working on his clients' behalf, Gregg enjoys hiking, fly fishing and wing-shooting.

**Representative Experience**

- Decided appeals from bureau decisions relating to the use and disposition of public lands and their resources, mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and the conduct of surface coal mining operations under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, issuing final decisions for the Department of the Interior.
- Developed and coordinated execution of secretarial policy priorities and regulatory measures through departmental, inter-agency and executive processes. Oversaw the development of secretarial orders and memoranda, solicitor office activities informing departmental operations, congressional oversight of departmental activities and senate confirmation of Department nominees. Represented Administration and Department before Congress, external organizations, and national media.
- Lead corporate legal, strategic, government affairs, and business activities for commercial real estate, food logistics, energy project development, and federal government contracting business operating in Alaska, California, Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina and Washington.

## **Government Service**

### **U.S. Department of Interior**

Administrative Judge, Interior Board of Land Appeals, 2021

Deputy Chief of Staff /Senior Counselor to the Secretary, 2018-2021

### **State of Alaska**

Attorney General, 2002-2005

Law Clerk/Magistrate, 1986-1987

### **United States Senate**

Majority Staff Director, 1995-1998

Chief of Staff, Legislative Director, Office of Frank Murkowski (R-AK), 1987 - 1995