



## Patrick T. Zomer

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**PRACTICE AREAS:** Energy and Public Utilities, Financial Services, Communications, Business Law, Real Estate Finance

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Pat works with public utilities, banks, closely held businesses, and municipalities on utility regulation, commercial lending, and business law matters. In his work with Moss & Barnett's energy and public utilities team, he helps clients achieve positive regulatory outcomes before both state and federal regulatory bodies. He is also a member of Moss & Barnett's financial transactions team, assisting banking clients with all aspects of commercial lending transactions.

Pat provides business law advice and counsel to clients of all sizes, focusing on business formation, financing, sales and acquisitions, and structural issues. Additionally, he works with small and medium telecommunications companies and local units of government on state and federal regulatory issues.

Pat draws on his considerable private sector experience in representing his clients. Prior to joining Moss & Barnett, he clerked in the office of general counsel at Xcel Energy Inc., focusing primarily on regulatory and data privacy matters. He also previously worked as a consultant in Charles River Associates' energy and environment group.

### Experience

#### Energy and Public Utilities

- **Rate cases.** Represented multiple utilities in rate cases before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Was involved with all aspects of the rate cases, from assisting with pre-filed testimony to participating in evidentiary hearings, oral and written advocacy before regulatory bodies, and appeals. Has experience working on revenue and non-revenue issues, with a particular focus on rate design and cost allocation.
- **Alternative rate proposals.** Helps utilities assess alternative rate proposals both during and outside of rate cases. Has helped utilities address time-of-day, inclining block rate, three-part rate,

and other alternative rate design proposals. Has also helped utilities implement revenue decoupling mechanisms.

- **PURPA.** Provides strategic and effective representation in Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) matters. From negotiation to contested proceedings, helps utilities balance PURPA obligations with the need to maintain reasonable and competitive rates for customers.

## Banking and Commercial Transactions

- Works with small and medium-size banks to document new and existing loans.
- Working with clients, helps create compact, clear, and enforceable loan documents. Assists with transaction structure and performs necessary due diligence.
- Provides counsel regarding a variety of lending transactions, including asset-backed financing, real estate and construction financing, renewable energy financing, mezzanine and subordinated debt financing, and loan participation and intercreditor arrangements.

## Business Law

- Works primarily with individuals and closely held businesses to address all stages of the business life cycle.
- Helps entrepreneurs form businesses and assists existing businesses with a variety of ownership, operational, and transactional issues.

## Communications

- Works with small and medium telecommunications companies on state and federal regulatory issues. Communications work includes preparing regulatory filings and participating in regulatory proceedings.
- Counsels municipalities and local governments in their communications matters, with a particular focus on managing rights of way, franchising, and broadband deployment.

## Education

University of St. Thomas School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*; publications editor, *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*

Middlebury College, B.A.; *magna cum laude*

## Certifications

Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP) / US (inactive)

## Admissions

Colorado

Minnesota

North Dakota

## Honors & Recognitions

*Minnesota Rising Stars* (2021-present)

*Best Lawyers: One to Watch* (2023-present)

## News

*Midwest Real Estate News* Lists Moss & Barnett Among Top Law Firms for 2023  
*Midwest Real Estate News*, 12.27.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for 2024  
08.17.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2023 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*  
07.17.2023

*Midwest Real Estate News* Lists Moss & Barnett Among Top Law Firms for 2022  
*Midwest Real Estate News*, 01.05.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, and *Best Lawyers "Lawyers of the Year"* for 2023  
*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.18.2022

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2022 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*  
07.18.2022

*Midwest Real Estate News* Lists Moss & Barnett Among Top Law Firms for 2021  
*Midwest Real Estate News*, 12.01.2021

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2021 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*  
07.20.2021

*Midwest Real Estate News* Lists Moss & Barnett Among Top Law Firms for 2020  
*Midwest Real Estate News*, 10.01.2020

*Midwest Real Estate News* Lists Moss & Barnett Among Top Law Firms for 2019  
*Midwest Real Estate News*, 09.19.2019

Nicholas J. Kaster and Patrick T. Zomer Elected Shareholders of Moss & Barnett  
03.23.2018

New Service Team Focuses on Multifamily Housing and Commercial Real Estate Finance  
03.20.2017

## Speaking Engagements

Moss & Barnett is Silver Sponsor of the 2018 MTA Annual Convention  
2018 Minnesota Telecom Alliance Annual Convention and Trade Show, Hyatt Regency Minneapolis,  
1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN, 03.26.2018

## Publications

Attention Businesses: FinCEN Wants Your Information  
*Moss & Barnett Advocate (Fall 2023/Winter 2024 edition)*, 02.26.2024

Green for Green: Financing Renewable Energy Projects  
*Minnesota Bankers Association News Magazine\**, 03.07.2019

Banking Law Update on Minnesota's Revised Limited Liability Company Act  
05.26.2016

Minnesota's Revised Limited Liability Company Act: What it Means for Bankers  
*Minnesota Bankers Association "News" Magazine\**, 07.01.2015

Practicing With Purpose in the Commercial World  
*Spring 2015 Firm Newsletter\**, 03.20.2015

Data Privacy: What's It to You?  
*Spring 2012 Firm Newsletter*, 04.02.2012

## Professional Associations

Minnesota State Bar Association – Public Utilities Law Section

Hennepin County Bar Association

Associate member, Minnesota Telecom Alliance

## Board Memberships

Director, St. Thomas School of Law Alumni Association Advisory Board

## **Community Involvement**

St. Thomas School of Law Mentor Externship Program

