

## Erin Overturf Clean Energy Director



As the Clean Energy Director at Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Erin Overturf operates throughout the organization’s seven-state region to develop strategic objectives related to decarbonizing the electricity sector and utilizing clean electricity to fuel other end-uses that have traditionally been powered by fossil fuels. Overturf and her 26-person team represent WRA in utility regulatory and air quality proceedings, negotiations, and civil litigation.

Overturf joined WRA in 2013 as a senior staff attorney. Her combination of legal experience and deep understanding of energy law propelled her to her current role later. After a stint at Earthjustice in 2022, she rejoined the organization in August 2023.

Prior to her work at WRA, Overturf served as an Assistant Solicitor General in the Office of the Colorado Attorney General, where she represented state agencies such as the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, and the Colorado Energy Office. She also served as a clerk to Justice Alex Martinez of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Overturf has lived in Colorado most of her life and understands the importance of driving measurable policy changes that will tackle the current climate crisis. She has played an impressive role in shaping the West’s energy future, including serving as an integral part of the effort that has secured Colorado’s transition away from coal and toward clean energy sources. Her efforts also helped to secure the establishment of Colorado’s first economy-wide greenhouse gas reduction goals established through legislation passed in 2019, as well as the legal framework by which Colorado utilities will be required to reduce emissions at least 80% by 2030, as compared to 2005 levels.

Overturf’s work to protect a healthy, livable climate is motivated by love for the people who call the West home. Particularly gratifying is seeing policy seeds planted in the past mature and eventually bear fruit, including expanding low-income customers’ ability to access the benefits of distributed renewable generation and securing substantial investments from electric utilities in electric vehicle infrastructure.

Overturf earned a Juris Doctorate from the American University Washington College of Law, in addition to a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Anthropology from the University of Colorado Boulder. She sits on the Advisory Board of the University of Colorado Law School’s Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources Energy and the Environment, and previously served as a volunteer commissioner for the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission from 2017 to 2020.

She lives in Colorado with her child, husband and their dog. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, making people laugh, and playing complicated board games.

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