



Colin Seals

Director, Economic Development

Position with Firm

2022–present **Director, Economic Development.** Leads strategy, research, and analysis relating to local, state, and national energy policy. Helps clients identify opportunities and overcome challenges around traditional and renewable power generation, grid modernization, sustainable mining, and EV supply chains. Facilitates cross-border partnerships, stakeholder engagement, supervises staff, and provides strategic counsel.

Previous Professional Experience

2016–2022 **Economic Affairs Officer.** *U.S. Department of State*, Canada, Mexico, and Chile. Advised ambassadors and senior U.S. officials on energy, mining, innovation, telecommunications, and health policy. Prepared reports on key areas of U.S. interest, including critical minerals and EV supply chains, clean hydrogen and alternative fuels, climate applications of space research, and Arctic climate policy. Coordinated engagement with host governments to advance bilateral priorities. Organized public outreach events to highlight U.S.-host country cooperation. Supervised teams of local experts.

2007–2015 **Attorney.** *Kirkland & Ellis; Grippo & Elden.* Counseled corporate clients on policy and litigation risks to their business. Managed complex state and federal litigation in multiple jurisdictions. Successfully argued contested motions, took and defended depositions, and coordinated discovery.

Education University of Michigan, BA in Political Science and Spanish (dual degree)
University of Michigan Law School, JD *cum laude*

Skills and Honors

- Near-native fluency in Spanish.
- Recipient of multiple Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards from the Department of State for exemplary performance.