

# Ken Salazar

## Honors, Awards, Boards & Commissions,

### POST-GRADUATE HONORS

Colorado School of Mines – Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree (2015)  
University of Massachusetts - Lowell Honorary Degree (2012)  
University of Colorado School of Law - Order of the Coif (2006)  
University of Michigan - Distinguished Alumni Award (2002)  
University of Denver School of Law - Honorary Doctorate of Laws (1999)  
Colorado College - Honorary Doctorate of Laws (1993)

### SELECT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**2026** Regis University Civis Princeps Award for “commitment to serving both his local and his global community, his unwavering dedication to his faith, and for his exceptional dedication to the ideals that guide Regis University”

United States Hispanic Business Council (USHBC) American Icon Award for “service to the nation and his role in opening opportunities for businesses and communities”

#### 2021-2025

United States Mexico Chamber of Commerce -- Honorary Chairman

American Society in Mexico – Honorary Chairman

**2021** Selected *Best Lawyer* by 5280 Magazine

*Superlawyers* – Colorado Superlawyers list for energy and environmental

Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for his practice areas of energy regulatory law, environmental law and Native American Law

**2020** Listed as *Barrister’s Best* by Law Week Colorado for Renewal Energy

Listed in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* for his Colorado natural resources and environmental practices

Named the environmental law “Lawyer of the Year” by *Best Lawyers in America* and recognized for his work in energy and regulatory law, environmental law and Native American law

Named to *5280 Magazine’s* list of top Denver lawyers based on a rigorous peer-review process

**2019** Denver Business Journal, *Who’s Who in Energy* – Named as one of DBJ’s Most Influential Energy Leaders in Colorado

Listed in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* for his Colorado Natural Resources and Environmental Practices

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Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* for his practice areas of energy regulatory law, environmental law and Native American law

Honored by STRIVE Preparatory Schools with a Spotlight Service Award for his service to the Colorado community

- 2018** National Press Club, Washington, D.C. “Communicator Legend” honor for “the way as Interior chief he tackled complex situations with aplomb by forging bipartisan coalitions, never losing sight of his public service mission, and providing new platforms for such issues as diversity and immigration”

Honored by the Pueblo Latino Chamber Foundation – 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award

Listed in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* for his Colorado Natural Resources and Environmental Practices

Named among the Minority Corporate Counsel Association’s Rainmakers, a designation that recognizes a lawyer’s knowledge and experience at the intersection of law and business development

Named one of the most important leaders in Colorado’s energy industry by the *Denver Business Journal*

Recognition by *The Best Lawyers in America* for environmental and natural resources law

Recommended in the areas of government relations, energy regulatory – convention power, environment – regulatory by *The Legal 500 United States*

- 2017** Named as one of the most important leaders in Colorado’s energy industry by the *Denver Business Journal*

Inducted into the 2017 Colorado Latino Hall of Fame and presented with the Public Service Award

Listed in *Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business* for his Colorado natural resources and environmental practice

Recommended by *The Legal 500 United States* for government relations

Recommended by *The Best Lawyers in America* for environmental and natural resources law

Patriot Award -- Congressional Medal of Honor Society National Convention

Dedication and Ribbon Cutting for Salazar House – Colorado College East Campus

- 2016** Conservation Champion Award – The Nature Conservancy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy and Research Organization’s Federico Peña Lifetime Achievement Award

Recommended by *The Legal 500 United States* for government relations

Recognition by *The Best Lawyers in America* for environmental law

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Latino Legacy Award – Jeffco Dems Latino Initiative Legacy Celebration

Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of Adams State Salazar Rio Grande Center at Adams State University

- 2015** Legacy Landowner Award – 2015 Land Report Summit  
*National Law Journal's* Inaugural List of 50 Energy & Environment Trailblazers
- 2014** Soil Society of America – Honorary Membership Award  
Clinica Tepeyac – Corazon y Alma Award  
2014 Friend of the River Award -- Greenway Foundation Gala on the Bridge  
Audubon Connecticut Environmental Leadership Award
- 2013** Colorado Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society Award of Excellence  
National Parks Conservation Association William Penn Mott, Jr. Park Leadership Award  
National Wildlife Refuge Association: Chairman's Award  
Colorado Conservation Trust Lifetime Achievement Award  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Chairman's Award  
The Wilderness Society Ansel Adams Award  
Wirth Sustainability Award  
Colorado Hispanic Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award  
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund Lifetime Achievement Award  
United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce Good Neighbor Award  
2013 Champion for Youth – Colorado Youth Corps Association
- 2012** 2012 Cesar Chavez Legacy Award  
2012 Colorado College Champion of the Rockies Award  
Audubon Florida: 2012 Champion of the Everglades  
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades: 2012 Champion of the Everglades  
Ducks Unlimited 2012 Conservation Achievement Award  
*Latino Leaders* magazine's Most Influential Leaders for 2011
- 2011** Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute: CHCI Chair's Award  
Golda Meir Center for Political Leadership – Annual Leadership Award  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Chairman's Award  
Recreation Vehicles Dealers Association: Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award  
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- 2010** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Chairman's Award  
National Park Trust: American Park Experience Award
- 2008** Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts Friend of Conservation Award  
Hispanic National Bar Association's Capital Award  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Award  
The Fund for American Studies' Institute on Business and Government Affairs  
Congressional Scholarship Award  
Soil Science Society of America's Excellence in Soil Stewardship Award  
National Farmers Union Golden Triangle Award  
Colorado Farm Bureau Foundation's Friend of the Farm Bureau Award  
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Exemplary Policy and Advocacy  
Leadership Award  
League of United Latin American Citizens Héroe de la Comunidad Award  
National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers President's Award of  
Merit  
Paralyzed Veterans of America Legislator of the Year Award  
Riverreach/cityWILD Role Model of the Year Award
- 2007** Friend of the Outdoor Industry Award  
National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. Distinguished Community Health  
Defender Award  
National Farmers Union Golden Triangle Award  
National Parks Association Award  
Polio Eradication Champion Award  
Smithsonian Latino Center Award for Leadership  
Colorado Association of Conservation Districts Legislator of the Year  
Cuban American National Council's Outstanding Hispanic Leader Award  
Eagle Award, Southeast Business Partnership for contribution to economic growth in  
Southeast Denver  
Golden Gavel Award, United States Senate, One Hundred Tenth Congress  
National Association of Wheat Growers U.S Wheat Associates (NAWG) 2006 Wheat  
Advocate Award  
Safe2Tell Recognition Award

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Southeast Business Partnership Eagle Award  
Transportation Technology Center, Inc., Pueblo - Recognition Award  
Vale La Pena, Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Voices for National Service - Outstanding New Member Award

- 2006** Blinded Veterans Association Legislative Recognition Award  
Cesar Chavez Leadership Hall of Fame Induction - 5th Annual Denver Public Library Latino Awards Ceremony  
Colorado Adult Education Professional Association Legislator of the Year Award  
Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts Leadership in Land Conservation Award  
Colorado Parks and Recreation Association 2005 Columbine Award  
Land Trust Alliance - In appreciation for H.R. 4, Section 1206, 2006, re expansion of tax incentives for donations of conservation easements and enacting reforms that will provide fair treatment for farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners  
National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. 2006 Distinguished Community Health Defender Award  
The National Association of Hispanic Publications, Inc. & Foundation - Hispanic Role Model Appreciation  
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Honorary Advocates Circle Member  
National Farmers Union - 2006 Golden Triangle Award  
National Recreation and Park Association 2005 National Congressional Award  
Outdoor Industry Association - Friend of the Outdoor Industry Award 2006  
United States Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award  
University of Colorado at Boulder Alumni Congressional Leadership Award
- 2005** American Health Care Association & the National Center for Assisted Living - Leading Light of Long-Term Care Award 2005  
The Century Council - in recognitions of Your Outstanding Commitment to Fight Drunk Driving and Underage Drinking  
Colorado Parks Association Legislator of the Year Award  
Escuela Tlatelolco - Champions of Change Award for Politics and Social Action  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 2005 Capitol Forum Award  
Hispanic National Bar Association 2005 Pioneer Award  
Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA) 14th Annual Bernie Valdez Awards Luncheon - Herrick S. Roth Community Service  
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) - 2005 President's Award

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- National Farmers Union - 2005 Golden Triangle Award  
Pueblo Reunion Committee - Honorary Puebloan Award  
The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU) Education Foundation - “Creo” Award  
Urban League of Metro Denver - 2005 McKinley Harris Distinguished Warrior Award
- 2004** Conference of Western Attorneys General - Profiles in Courage Award  
Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Government Advocate of the Year Award  
National Conference for Community and Justice - Partner with Community Award
- 2003** Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado - St. Thomas More Award  
Colorado Trial Lawyers Association - Consumer Protection Award  
Colorado Association of D.A.R.E. Officers - Chief Patrick Ahlstrom Community Service Award  
SafeHouse - Community Impact Award
- 2002** Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Award  
Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association  
Colorado Press Association Friend of the First Award  
Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF) Sol Trujillo National Leadership Award  
Robert G. Boucher Award; Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Award
- 2001** American Jewish Committee Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award  
News4, Wells Fargo, and HRO Celebrate Diversity Award
- 2000** Recognition by AARP for Outstanding Service and Leadership on Senior Fraud Issues
- 1999** Recognition by the Colorado Conference of Police and Sheriffs in Appreciation for Dedication to Colorado Law Enforcement Agencies

### **SERVICE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- Member, MGM Public Policy Institute Advisory Board at the University of Nevada – 2018 – 2021  
Member, Iberdrola International Advisory Board Expert Panel, 2018 - 2021  
Member, Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees, 2016 - 2021  
Member, Target Corporation Board of Directors, 2013 – 2021  
Member, U.S. Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council 2012 – 2013  
Chairman, U.S. Tourism Task Force on Travel and Competitiveness 2012 - 2013  
Member, White House Domestic Policy Council 2009 – 2013  
Chairman, National Park Foundation 2009 – 2013

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Chairman, Migratory Bird Conservation Commission 2009 – 2013  
Chairman, Interagency Group on Insular Areas 2009 – 2013  
Member, South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force 2009 – 2013  
Member, Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation 2009 – 2013  
Member, National Ocean Council 2009 – 2013  
Senior U.S. Official, U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative 2009 – 2013  
Arctic Policy Group 2009 – 2013  
Tourism Policy Group 2009 – 2013  
America’s Great Outdoors Council 2009 – 2013  
Chairman, Conference of Western Attorneys General 2002 – 2003  
Member: Citizen of the West Steering Committee 2002  
Chairman, National Association of Attorneys General Environment Committee 1999 – 2003  
Chairman, Peace Officers Standards and Training Board 1999 – 2005  
American Farmland Trust President’s Council 1999 – 2005  
Colorado Claims Board 1999 – 2004  
Colorado College Board of Trustees 1999 – 2004  
Colorado Water Conservation Board 1999 – 2004  
Chairman, Rio Grande Compact Commission 1995 – 1998  
Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission 1995 – 1998 Chairman, Sangre de Cristo Land Grant Commission 1993 – 1995  
Great Outdoors Colorado Board, Chair 1993 – 1994  
City and County of Denver Ethics Recommendations Panel 1993  
Department of Local Affairs Mineral Impact Advisory Committee 1990 – 1994  
Fight Crime: Invest In Kids, Honorary Board Member  
Colorado Water Conservation Board 1990 – 1994  
University of Colorado Law School Natural Resources Law Center Advisory Committee 1989 – 1992  
Governor’s Representative, State Board on Property Tax Equalization 1987 – 1991  
American Israel Friendship League 1986 – 1989  
KUVO 89.3 FM Board Member - (Chair, 1985 - 1986) 1985 – 1989