



## **Alice Madden**

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In July of 2016, Alice Madden was named the Executive Director of the GWC at Colorado Law, where her priorities include bridging the gap between research and practice to form innovative solutions by drawing on the perspectives and expertise of diverse stakeholders.

Alice worked in high-tech for several years before earning her JD in 1989. Her law practice focused on employment law, civil rights and anti-discrimination efforts. In 2000, she was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives. Viewed as the architect of the progressive resurgence in Colorado, Alice was chosen by her peers to serve as Majority Leader from 2005 – 2008. She was a Senior Fellow on Climate Change at The Center for American Progress.

In 2008, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter asked Alice to serve as his Climate Change Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff to help build the “New Energy Economy.” She later held the Timothy E. Wirth Chair in Sustainable Development at the CU Denver School of Public Affairs. As Wirth Chair, she worked with a diverse set of stakeholders to advance sustainable economies, and increase the interest of female and minority students in completing STEM majors and working in sustainability-related fields. She also taught graduate-level Political Advocacy.

Alice accepted an appointment in 2013 to the U.S. Department of Energy where she served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental & External Affairs. Her team led the interface with local, state and tribal governments, as well as business leaders, to achieve the goals of the Department, including the President’s Climate Action Plan. She also assisted those seeking funds to grow emerging technologies.

Alice has always believed in giving back to her community and has served on multiple boards and professional associations. Current boards include Rocky Mountain Science & Sustainability Network (diversity in STEM), Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, and the Africa School Assistance Project (builds public schools / girls’ dorms in rural Tanzania). She is married to Pete Madden and they have two sons. Other interests include hiking with their dogs, skiing, mountain biking, dirt biking, tennis and writing fiction. Alice has recently developed an addiction to Words With Friends.