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Cole is a Principal at the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle and Townsend, where he is a practicing member of the firm's Water, Districts, Government Relations, Litigation and Appellate practice groups. Cole's law practice focuses on guiding clients through a myriad of governmental and water-related legal and policy issues, including public utility law, regulatory compliance, transactions, permitting, water rights and resource management, administrative proceedings, and litigation. Cole also chairs the University of Texas Environmental Science Institute's Advisory Council. His practice focuses on the nexus of science, law, and public policy.

Cole earned his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, before beginning his career at the San Antonio River Authority working on public policy and governmental affairs. At SARA, Cole worked on various regional water planning initiatives, and helped steer the agency's legislative program while developing strategic partnerships with regional political subdivisions, state and federal agencies, elected officials, and staff. Cole earned his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.