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Practices: Litigation and Dispute Resolution | Energy | Federal and State Energy Regulation

Dane McKaughan is Board Certified by the Texas Bar in Administrative Law. His practice primarily focuses on energy-related matters, litigation matters involving regulated entities, including gas utilities and pipelines, electric utilities and transmission providers. Mr. McKaughan has extensive experience representing clients before state regulators, such as the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. He is board certified in administrative law.

Mr. McKaughan also acts as appellate counsel in administrative appeals from agency orders. He has served as lead counsel in more than 40 natural gas utility ratemaking proceedings, including full rate cases, cost of service adjustment (COSA) proceedings and Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) proceedings.

In addition, Mr. McKaughan represents vertically integrated electric utilities in cost of service rate and fuel reconciliation proceedings, as well as distribution and transmission utilities in cost of service rate proceedings. He also acts as counsel for numerous commercial clients in state and federal courts.

Significant representations include:

- Acted as lead counsel in numerous regulated rate proceedings for second-largest Texas natural gas utility.
- Has successfully litigated for and obtained regulatory approval for novel rate calculation tariffs, including first ever formula rate tariff adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas.
- Represented major national energy company in acquisition of largest Texas electric utility.
- Represented pipeline in bid to CFE in Mexico to construct gas pipeline from the Waha hub in Texas to Mexico as part of Mexico's overhaul of its natural resources infrastructure.
- Represented sovereign African nation in designing energy policy and drafting legislation to stimulate third party investment in energy infrastructure.

Honors & Awards

- Top Energy Lawyers in the U.S., Legal Media Group's *Expert Guides*, 2015-2018
- State Bar of Texas, Utility Law Section Council, 2015-Present

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Administrative Law Section; Environment, Energy, and Resources Section
- Austin Bar Association
- Austin Bar Foundation, Fellow
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Bar College, Administrative and Public Law Section; Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Section; Public Utilities Section
- Knights of the Symphony

Publications

- Texas Common Carriers May Soon Be Running in Circles, *Law360*, March 5, 2015
- Texas High Court May Have Remade Utility Ratemaking, *Law360*, September 9, 2014

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D.
- The University of Texas at Austin, M.P.A.
- Austin College, B.A., *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas