

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate & Constitutional
- Corporate
- Energy
- Energy & Telecommunications
- Government, Internal Investigations & Criminal Defense
- Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions

EDUCATION

- B.A., Duke University, 1980, cum laude
- J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1988, cum laude, Order of the Coif; Board of Editors, North Carolina Law Review

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina, 1988
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

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Jim Jeffries' practice is focused on the representation of businesses and public utility companies involved in the natural gas, telecommunications, and water and sewer industries. This representation includes regular appearances and practice before multiple state public service commissions as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

With more than two decades of experience in energy, telecommunications, and utility regulation, as well as a substantial background in complex commercial litigation, Mr. Jeffries is able to provide his clients with seasoned business and regulatory advice and insights on a broad variety of subjects.

Mr. Jeffries currently acts as regulatory counsel for two natural gas local distribution companies and an investor owned electric public utility. In these roles, he is regularly involved in administrative litigation at the state and federal level as well as in providing general business and strategic planning advice, upstream supply and capacity negotiation, compliance planning, and a wide variety of related legal services.

Mr. Jeffries also has broad experience representing a variety of telecommunications and water and sewer clients. He currently acts as regulatory counsel for two independent ILECs and consults with multiple water and sewer companies on regulatory and business issues.

As part of the administrative litigation aspect of his practice, Mr. Jeffries has argued cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the North Carolina Supreme Court, the North Carolina Court of Appeals, the United States

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Court of Federal Claims, and various state and federal trial courts.

Areas of Focus

- Regulatory litigation and appeals
- Contract negotiation
- Transactional advice and consultation
- Strategic planning

OF NOTE

- Martindale–Hubbell AV rated
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America in Energy and Communications Law, 2007 - 2012
- Selected for inclusion to the North Carolina Super Lawyers list, 2011-2012.
- Recognized in the 2012 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Future Star"
- Former Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps Reserve
- Various Boards

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Energy Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar