

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Energy
- Energy & Telecommunications
- Energy Regulation & Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- White Collar, Regulatory Defense, and Investigations

EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder, 2002, Phi Beta Kappa
- J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina, 2006

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Melinda Vervais' practice focuses on energy regulation and general commercial litigation. A significant portion of Ms. Vervais' practice involves providing regulatory, business and litigation services to regulated infrastructure service industries including natural gas utilities, hydroelectric facilities, and telecommunication companies. She has represented clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Ms. Vervais has assisted clients in obtaining a Natural Gas Act Section 7(f) Service Area Determination, has successfully coordinated client participation through the FERC's NEPA pre-filing process, and has prepared and obtained a certificate for an NGA Section 7 salt dome storage facility, and associated market based rate authorization. Recently, Ms. Vervais represented a municipality before FERC to obtain FERC approval of a hydroelectric services agreement.

In addition, Ms. Vervais has experience handling complex commercial litigation matters. She has represented clients in mediation and state and federal court in matters involving a wide variety of topics, including contract and employment disputes, trade secrets, commercial real estate, equipment leasing, and collection matters.

OF NOTE

- Volunteer, United Family Services Domestic Violence Pro Bono Attorney
- Volunteer, Mecklenburg County Self-Serve Center
- Served as a Notes Editor on the *North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology*, a journal dedicated to discussing the impact technological changes have on various areas of the law

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Energy Bar Association
- Young Professionals in Energy
- Charlotte Women's Bar Association, Membership Chair