

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Practice
- Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions/Securities
- Energy
- Energy & Telecommunications
- Litigation
- Telecommunications

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, Fourth Circuit District of Columbia Court
- 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 almost 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 client's with seasoned business and regulatory advice and insights on a broad variety of subjects.

Mr. Jeffries currently acts as primary regulatory counsel for the second largest natural gas local distribution company in the southeastern United States and as primary natural gas FERC counsel for the largest gas local distribution company in the United States and one of the largest investor owned electric utilities in the southeast. 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 contract review and negotiation, and a wide variety of related legal services.

Mr. Jeffries also has broad experience representing a variety of telecommunications clients. In the last ten years he has served as counsel for a trade group representing independent local exchange carriers before the North Carolina Utilities Commission and has acted as regulatory counsel before the same body for four local exchange carriers with an aggregate access line count well in excess of a quarter of a million customers. He has also represented competitive local exchange carriers, long distance carriers, and operator services providers. This representation has included all aspects of regulatory advice and representation, including contract negotiations, administrative litigation, and resolution of interconnection and intercarrier compensation disputes, among others. He also has substantial experience in negotiating preferred provider arrangements between developers and local telephone companies for business and mixed-use type projects from both the developer and the telecommunications provider perspective.

Mr. Jeffries has also been involved in significant administrative litigation relating to water and sewer services involving new project development and the establishment of facilities to provide water and sewer services.

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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 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

- Former Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve
- Service on a variety of neighborhood, community and philanthropic boards
- Martindale –Hubbell AV rated
- Listed, Best Lawyers in America, 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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