

PROFILE

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Practices

- Energy
- Government
- Litigation
- Real Estate and Projects

Admitted

- District of Columbia
- New York

Education

- J.D., University of Utah School of Law, 1980
- A.B., Stanford University, 1975

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court Maryland
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, District of Columbia and Federal Circuits
- U.S. Court of Claims
- U.S. Supreme Court

Experience

Dan Watkiss is a partner in the energy practice in Bracewell & Giuliani's Washington, D.C. office. He represents clients in energy and related industries, including power companies; exploration, production and mid-market companies; natural gas pipelines; power and liquefied natural gas project developers; lenders; governments; and regulators. Significant areas of his practice focus on antitrust and competition issues, and counseling power and natural gas companies on designing and implementing best-in-class legal and regulatory compliance programs.

Mr. Watkiss represents clients in transactions, investigations, complex litigation and appeals in state and federal courts, and before administrative agencies, arbitral panels, the U.S. Congress and the executive branch. He worked extensively on Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Title VII of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, both of which substantially reformed the regulation and structure of the U.S. energy industries.

Representative Matters

- Several national power and natural gas marketing companies in developing best-in-class regulatory compliance programs.
- Major West Coast electric power supplier in a dispute with the State of California over an 11-year, \$400 million (net present value) power sales contract, 2003 to 2004.
- Electric and natural gas marketers and power suppliers in numerous FERC and Commodity Futures Trading Commission formal and informal investigations into trading activities.

Publications and Speeches

- "Success of Carbon Cap-and-Trade Requires Ratepayer Fairness in Distribution of Emission Allowances," *Electric Light & Power*, October 2009.
- "Misguided Market Design or Market Manipulation?" *Electric Light & Power*, September-October 2009.
- "Smarts Deliver More Than Backbone," *Electric Light & Power*, March/April 2009.

Affiliations

- Energy Bar Association
- American Civil Liberties Union

Noteworthy

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Energy,

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- Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers, 2007 and 2008