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PRACTICE AREAS

Electric Energy

*Legislative & Governmental
Relations*

Water Law

Financial Services

Health Law

Privacy and Data Security

INDUSTRIES

Electric Energy

Financial Services

Healthcare

Carl handles a diverse administrative and regulatory law practice with substantial expertise in electric energy, water, financial services and health care. He represents clients before the Texas Legislature and state and local regulatory bodies, in agency rulemakings and contested case proceedings, in state and federal courts, and in transactional matters. Carl's litigation practice often begins as a matter before a governmental entity, such as an application for permit or rulemaking or investigation, which proceeds to trial court or administrative hearing litigation, and then to appeal. His experience representing clients through the entire administrative and civil process provides consistency and stability to clients, with more efficient representation should a matter reach appeal.

Representative Experience

Electric Energy

Carl represents electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, landowners, and business interests before the PUC. He has assisted clients in matters involving applications for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), service area exceptions, service area disputes, and permission to implement new wholesale transmission rates. Carl has served as lead counsel in numerous contested case hearings, including matters involving transmission lines, rate changes, and load transfers. He also assists the firm's electric cooperative clients on a variety of matters ranging from legislation, regulatory compliance, corporate governance, pole attachments, rural broadband, privacy and data security, employment matters and business transactions.

Water

Carl has substantial experience representing landowners, businesses, and governmental entities in water permitting matters, water rights disputes, lease and sale transactions, and inverse condemnation proceedings. He has assisted clients in permitting disputes involving the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, and numerous groundwater conservation districts across Texas at the administrative, trial, and appellate levels. Carl has been involved in cutting edge Texas water law issues, including matters relating to property rights, the authority of groundwater conservation districts, and the controversial intersection of water and oil and gas.

Financial Services

As legal counsel to an association of regulated consumer lenders, Carl has broad knowledge of federal and state regulations governing consumer lending. His experience includes compliance with industry-related laws, privacy and data security regulations, and consumer protection regulations, such as the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Dodd-Frank Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Red Flag Identity Theft Prevention rules, Risk-Based Pricing rules and various other regulations implemented by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Texas Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner and Texas Finance Commission. Carl has also represented clients in rulemaking proceedings and has litigation experience dealing with fair debt collection and privacy matters.

Health Law

Carl serves as regulatory counsel on a variety of healthcare matters. He represents clients at the Texas Legislature and before state agencies in rulemaking, licensure and compliance-related issues. He has assisted clients before numerous state boards and agencies, including the Texas Department of Insurance, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Inspector General, and Texas State Board of Dental Examiners.

Professional Associations & Community Involvement

- Austin Bar Association

Professional Recognition

- Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, a Thomson Reuters service, General Litigation (2013-2018)
- Chambers Up and Coming, Electric Energy (2019-2020)

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Education/Professional Background

- Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas, Justice Dale Wainwright, 2005-2006
- The University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2005 (*magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Order of the Barons; Articles Editor, *Houston Law Review*)
- The University of Texas at Austin, M.A., 2002 (with honors, Phi Beta Kappa)

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- Texas State University, B.S., 2000 (*summa cum laude*)