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Chris Brewster is a member of the Firm's Energy and Utility Practice Group. His responsibilities include the analysis and evaluation of the emerging nodal market at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and he currently serves on ERCOT's Technical Advisory Committee. Chris also represents cities in proceedings at the PUC involving regulated utilities, including transmission and distribution rate cases and the proceedings related to Competitive Renewable Energy Zones. In addition, Chris has successfully represented a broad variety of consumers in complaints against their Retail Electric Provider at the PUC.

Prior to joining our Firm, Chris served as the Lead Electric Policy Analyst for the Public Utility Commission of Texas where he advised the commissioners on electric-industry matters, including the Commission's contested caseload and rulemakings, and participated in regular Commission open meetings as well as Commission-held hearings-on-the-merits. Originally from Indiana, Chris now resides in Austin with his wife Holly and their children, Lucy and Simon.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Energy and Utility
- Climate Change & Carbon Management

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represents cities as consumers in the ERCOT stakeholder process.
- Elected to serve as Small Commercial Consumer Representative on ERCOT's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) from 2007 to the present; serves as Small Commercial Consumer Representative on ERCOT's Retail Market Subcommittee and Wholesale Market Subcommittee.
- Represents cities in transmission and distribution utility rate case proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- Represents cities in challenges to PUC decisions in District Court.
- Represents a coalition of cities in PUC proceedings and rulemakings related to Competitive Renewable Energy Zones.
- Represented nearly thirty commercial businesses, small industrial concerns, churches and non profits in complaints against their Retail Electric Provider at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND EDUCATION

- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas (2004)
- Licensed in Illinois (2003)
- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School (2002), cum laude
- B.B.A. Accounting - University of Houston (1999), cum laude

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Texas
 - Administrative and Public Law Section
 - Public Utility Section

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Rising Stars Texas: 2010, by Law & Politics Magazine

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, Countdown to Nodal, 2010 Fall Conference of the Gulf Coast Power Association, September 28, 2010.
 - “Proposed Amendments to the Texas Disciplinary Rules: What is Changing and Why,” Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues “Back to Basics” Seminar, Irving Texas, September 17, 2010.
 - Panelist, Nodal Transition in the ERCOT Market, Public Utility Law Section Conference, August 27, 2010.
 - Panelist, Zonal to Nodal: A Special Briefing Workshop by the Gulf Coast Power Association, August 19, 2010.
 - Conference Co-Chair of the 2009 Fall Conference of the Gulf Coast Power Association.
 - Co-chaired a panel on the deregulated Texas retail power market during the 2007 Fall Conference of the Gulf Coast Power Association.
 - “Energy and the Stimulus Legislation: What ARRA Means for Texas Cities,” Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues (TCCFUI), March 20, 2009.
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