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A principal in the Firm and Chair of the Energy and Utility Practice Group, Geoffrey Gay represents cities and coalitions of local governments on utility, energy and franchise matters. He serves as General Counsel to several political subdivision corporations that secure electric energy in the retail market for over 150 political subdivisions.

Geoffrey was born in Houston, Texas. He received a B.A. with honors in 1974 from Emory University, a M.A. in legal and constitutional history in 1977 from Rice University, and J.D. from the University of Houston in 1977.



### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Energy and Utility

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Litigated the last rate cases for AT&T and Southwestern Bell prior to telephone deregulation.
- Litigated construction and decisional prudence cases for three different nuclear plants.
- Involved in most of the significant gas and electric ratemaking proceedings over the last three decades.
- Client base includes more than 300 cities.
- Former Director of the Office of Public Utility Counsel, a state agency charged with representing residential utility consumers.

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND EDUCATION**

- Admitted to State Bar of Texas (1977)
- J.D., University of Houston (1977)
- M.A., Rice University (1977)
- B.A., Emory University (1974)

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. Supreme Court

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America: 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc.
- Selected for inclusion, by Thomson Reuters in *Super Lawyers Texas*: 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007
- 2011 Recipient of Marvin J. Glink Private Practice Local Government Award by International Municipal Lawyer Association
- 2011 Listing as “Leading Individual” by Chambers and Partners for both Oil & Gas and Electricity (only Texas lawyer listed for both) under Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Retail Competition and Prices,” Texas Public Policy Foundation’s Electricity Summit, December 2010
  - “Energy Issue Update,” City Manager’s Study Group, November 2010
  - “Electric Shocked?! Does Tarrant County Need Recharging?” Tarrant County League of Women Voters, November 2010
  - “Managing Power Needs and Risks of Local Governments in the Deregulated Electric Market,” Public Utility Law Section Annual Meeting and Seminar, August 2009
  - “Panel participant in the Dallas Morning News gathering of experts on Electric Deregulation,” see DMN, February 28, 2010 Business Section
  - “Deregulation and Its Impact on Procurement of Energy,” Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT) Spring Institute, April 2007
  - “Electric Market Design: End User Perspective,” Public Utility Law Seminar, August 2005
  - “Ethical Responsibilities Regarding Selection, Use and Cross-Examination of Expert Witnesses,” Texas Bar’s 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Administrative Law Course, September 2004
  - “Considerations in Selecting a Retail Electric Provider Electric Deregulation Issues in Texas,” GFOAT Presentation, 2004
  - “GRIP, Gripes, Nodes and Toads: Update on Public Utility Issues,” Texas City Attorneys’ Association, 2004
  - “Dealing with Expert Witnesses,” Texas Bar’s 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Administrative Law Course, 2002
  - “Electric Deregulation Issues in Texas,” Texas City Managers Association Annual Convention, June 2002
  - “Municipal Regulation of Utilities In A Competitive Electric Market,” Texas Coalition of Cities For Utility Issues (TCCFUI) Seminar, October 2001
  - Editor and Supervisor of “The Story of ERCOT – The Grid Operator, Power Market’s Prices Under Texas Electric Deregulation,” February 2011, a 108 page special research project by clients, Texas Coalition for Affordable Power and Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor.
  - Editor and Supervisor of “Natural Gas Consumers & the Texas Railroad Commission – Pocketbook & Policy Issues,” December 2010, a 44 page special research project by client, Atmos Cities Steering Committee
  - Editor and Supervisor of “The History of Electric Deregulation in Texas – The Unfulfilled Promise of Utility Restructuring,” January 2009, an 82 page special research project by client, Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc.
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