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Lambeth Townsend has a practice encompassing all aspects of electric, water, and gas utility law, municipal solid waste regulation, water law, and litigation. Lambeth is a member of the Firm's Energy and Utility Practice Group and Litigation Group. Throughout his career, Lambeth has represented clients in State and Federal courts and administrative tribunals. Lambeth is Board Certified in Administrative Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Prior to joining Lloyd Gosselink, Lambeth was General Counsel for the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1987 - 89, and Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas, 1977 - 84. Lambeth represents public and private companies and political subdivisions in a wide variety of regulatory and commercial activities.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Energy and Utility
- Litigation
- Administrative Law and Contested Permits
- Water Law
- Utility Transactions and Acquisitions
- Climate Change & Carbon Management

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent clients in permitting matters at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Public Utility Commission and in appeals of agency actions in state courts, including District Courts, Courts of Appeal, and the Texas Supreme Court
- Represent utility and political subdivision clients in contract litigation and defend clients in agency enforcement actions
- Represent political subdivisions in securing wastewater discharge permits and municipal solid waste disposal permits
- Represent investor, cooperative, and municipally owned electric, water, and wastewater utilities in all aspects of their business and regulation
- Represent and advise clients in negotiating and contracting for the sale and purchase of electric, water, and wastewater utilities and obtaining the required regulatory approvals
- Represent clients in negotiating wholesale supply and wholesale services contracts
- Represent clients at the Railroad Commission of Texas concerning intrastate pipeline rates and retail distribution rates
- Represent clients at Public Utility Commission concerning rates, services, and certificates of convenience and necessity

- Represent utility and political subdivision clients at Public Utility Commission in rulemaking proceedings, including open access transmission, restructure of the regulation of electric utilities for retail competition, market design for the competitive wholesale power market, and applications for certificates of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) for Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (“CREZ”) transmission line routing proceedings
- Represent clients at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality concerning rates, services, and certificates of convenience and necessity

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND EDUCATION

- State Bar of Texas
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court, Western, Eastern, and Northern Districts of Texas
- Board Certified in Administrative Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- J.D., St. Mary’s University (1974)
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin (1970)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
 - Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
 - Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law
- Austin Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
 - Administrative and Public Law Section
 - Public Utility Law Section

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America: 2010 and 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc.
- Selected for inclusion, by Thomson Reuters in Super Lawyers Texas, 2011

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Author: “Cancellation of Water Rights in Texas: Use It, or Lose It,” 17 St. Mary’s Law Journal 1217 (1986)
 - Co-author: “Standards for Determining the Public Interest in Merger Cases: Application to Texas Public Utilities,” 13 Tex. Journal of Corporate Counsel 84 (1994)
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