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### **Principal**

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Thomas primarily represents municipalities before regulatory agencies in proceedings involving electric power and natural gas utilities. During his legal career, Thomas has focused his efforts on administrative law in the area of utility regulation, but he also has experience in electric aggregation development and appellate litigation. Cumulatively, Thomas has spent over 21 years participating in over 500 regulatory proceedings. He became an associate with the Firm's Energy and Utility Practice Group in 2004 and a principal with the Firm in 2007. Originally from Beaumont, Texas, Thomas resides in Austin with his wife, Michele, and their three children, Thomas, Jr., Nicholas and Lucy.



### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Energy and Utility

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel – Assistant Public Counsel. Represented residential and small commercial consumers on electric utility matters.
- Public Utility Commission of Texas – Assistant General Counsel. Represented the public interest in regulatory matters.

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND EDUCATION**

- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas (1990)
- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law (1990)
- B.A., The University of Texas at Austin (1987)
- Licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Electric Committee Representative (1997-2003).
- Public Utility Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Officer (2002-2004).
- Electric Reliability Council of Texas -Wholesale Market Subcommittee, Member (2002-2003).

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- "Energy Update: Recent Energy Cases and PUC Activities" presented at the TCCFUI Legislative Wrap-Up Seminar, October 21, 2011.
  - "Recent Developments at the PUC, RRC and TWDB," presented at the Texas City Attorneys' Summer Conference, June 10, 2010.
  - "Competitive Renewable Energy Zones," presented at the A&WMA / AAEE Spring Symposium, April 15, 2010.
  - "Texas Ethics Opinion No. 587: Who Can I Talk to and When?" presented at the TCCFUI Legislative Wrap-Up Seminar, Friday, August 21, 2009.
  - "Navigating the Electric Market and Sailing Through Renewable Energy Credits," presented to Texas Water 2008 Conference, 2008.
  - "A Texas Nodal Market" presented at the Texas City Attorneys' Summer Conference, June 9, 2004.
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