

## ADMINISTRATIVE/ REGULATORY



### OVERVIEW

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Administrative and regulatory team members represent oil and gas operators, electric and gas utilities, and telecommunication companies, emphasizing their practice on rate cases, regulatory permitting and compliance, and other proceedings before the Kansas Corporation Commission. Foulston Siefkin has experience representing clients before the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. Our lawyers also practice before other administrative agencies and represent clients seeking judicial review of administrative decisions.

Headquartered in our Topeka office, the administrative and regulatory team is well situated to handle matters before the various agencies located in the state capitol including the Kansas Lottery and the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. Foulston Siefkin lawyers bring to the table the knowledge, experience and credibility necessary to help clients successfully resolve licensing issues, regulatory compliance disputes and other problems arising from governmental regulations and procedures.

### AREAS OF REPRESENTATION

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#### **Kansas Agencies**

Client representation before the Kansas Corporation Commission, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Insurance Department, the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, the Racing and Gaming Commission and the Kansas Liquor Control Commission, Governmental Ethics Commission, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources.

#### **Federal Agencies**

Client representation before federal regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the United States Army Corps of Engineers,

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and the United States Department of Fish & Wildlife.

## **Administrative**

- Lobbying
- Government relations counsel, including bill drafting and testimony
- Strategy development, advocacy and constituency development
- Public policy consulting
- Crisis management
- Contested case hearings
- Licenses
- Approvals
- Complaints
- Litigation and appeals
- Negotiation of contracts and agreements with local, state and federal governments
- Complex disputes
- Assist clients to comply with existing laws and regulations in daily operations
- Develop and implement corporate compliance programs
- Investigate and resolve threatened administrative, civil and criminal actions
- Provide representation in adversary proceedings where necessary to protect clients' business interests

## **General litigation and appellate representation**

### **Telecommunications Industry**

Representation of providers before state regulatory commissions and courts involving

- Long distance competition, competing local exchange carriers, internet service providers, and interconnection agreements
- Routine certification and compliance issues
- Zoning, permitting and real estate assistance

### **Natural Gas, Water and Electric Utilities**

Counsel in all aspects of rate cases

- Rate base valuations
- Rate of return determinations
- Cost of service
- Temporary and permanent rates
- Rate structure and tariff design matters

Bankruptcy and reorganization of utilities

Creating, acquiring, consolidating and merging utility companies

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Condemnation and customer complaint proceedings

Negotiation and preparation of agreements between utilities and agreements between utilities and their customers (including long term power agreements, wheeling, inter-connection and special rate agreements)

Small power producer proceedings

Conservation and demand side management proceedings

Contested certification proceedings

Investment by an equity partner, and other financing issues

Regulatory, tax, and other issues

## Health Care

- Federal and state regulation of health care providers and payers
- Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement
- Managed care, hospital and physician law
- Compliance
- Tax exemption
- Licensing
- Survey and certification enforcement disciplinary cases

## RELATED LINKS

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- Code of Federal Regulations
- Federal Register
- Congressional Record
- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Dept. of Justice
- Thomas –Up to date information on Federal legislative bills and members of Congress
- U.S. Code
- U.S. Copyright Office
- U.S. Business Advisory
- Federal Communications Commission
- Federal Trade Commission
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- Kansas Legislature Statutes
- State of Kansas Home Page
- Governor of Kansas
- Attorney General of Kansas
- Secretary of State of Kansas

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- Kansas Legislative Branch
- Kansas Judicial Branch
- Department of Commerce and Housing
- Kansas Corporation Commission
- Department of Revenue
- Department of Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- State Board of Education
- Kansas Board of Regents
- Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
- Department of Labor
- Department of Labor: Kansas Job Bank
- Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Wildlife and Parks
- State Conservation Commission
- Kansas Forest Service
- Department on Aging
- Department of Credit Unions
- Information Network of Kansas
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- Department of Corrections
- Kansas Criminal Justice Information System
- Kansas Sentencing Commission
- Juvenile Justice Authority
- Kansas Highway Patrol
- Kansas Insurance Department
- Kansas Lottery
- Kansas State Gaming Agency
- Racing and Gaming Commission
- Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health
- Governmental Ethics Commission
- Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns
- Gallup Poll

## EXPERIENCE

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- Successfully participated in the creation and implementation of Kansas Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Rules and Regulations before the Kansas Corporation Commission and the Kansas Legislature.

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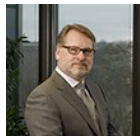
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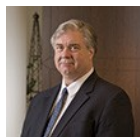
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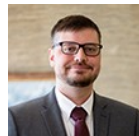
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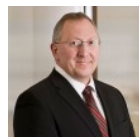
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