JAMES C. MEYER

Practice Areas

Public Utilities & Regulatory Law

Areas of Emphasis

Energy
Telecommunications
Administrative Litigation
Appellate Litigation

Overview

Three qualities distinguish Jim Meyer's public utilities and regulatory practice: his knowledge of public utility law, his understanding of the regulatory process, and his longstanding relationships with key staff at New Jersey's regulatory agencies. "Because we have those three areas covered, we can develop creative strategic plans for our clients to accomplish their goals," he says.

Jim focuses primarily on energy, telecommunications, and other public utility and regulatory matters. Much of his energy work centers on representing investor-owned electric utilities to obtain approval of their programs and investments, including through administrative and appellate litigation. Jim is also experienced with energy efficiency and renewable energy programs and projects, and related transactional matters. His clients include Rockland Electric Company, a Consolidated Edison
On the telecommunications side, Jim focuses on representing competitive carriers concerning regulatory impacts from federal and state laws that are designed to introduce more competition into the market. In addition, he assists emerging telecommunications companies with local authorizations, mergers and other financial transactions. His clients include Sprint and other certified local exchange carriers.

Jim is a former chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Public Utility Law Section, where he now sits on the Board of Consultors and serves as a Legislative Coordinator. He has regularly delivered presentations on public utility law, energy law, rate case practice and the administrative process. For example, in April 2016, Jim moderated a panel on “Public Utility Cybersecurity: Requirements, Challenges and Approaches” during the NJ Bar Association Public Utility Law Section’s annual CLE program, before over one hundred industry attorneys. In 2015, he gave a presentation on “20th Century Tools for 21st Century Ratemaking” as a panelist during the annual CLE conference. In 2014, Jim spoke on rate case procedure as a panelist during the annual CLE conference. In 2012, he gave a presentation on the legal foundation for utility adjustment charges while moderating a CLE panel on the role of such charges in utility cost recovery. In 2011, Jim gave a presentation on the New Jersey regulatory scheme governing renewables while moderating a panel addressing solar, offshore wind, and other renewable energy issues.

Best Lawyers in America®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, has included Jim on its "Best Lawyers" list in the field of Energy Law since 2005. In 2012, 2016 and again for 2018, Jim was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Energy Law in the Newark region by Best Lawyers, an honor given annually to a single energy law attorney in the Newark region. See Awards and Honors Methodology.

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Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, J.D., 1988
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