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Practice Areas

Energy Regulation & Compliance
Environment, Natural Resources, &
Public Lands
Government Relations & Public Policy
Litigation

Education

LL.B., Columbia University, 1955
B.S., University of Illinois, 1952

Bar and Court Admissions

District of Columbia
U.S. Supreme Court

Howard E. Shapiro

Member

Howard Shapiro has extensive experience in appellate litigation, particularly as it relates to economic and environmental regulation, and antitrust law. He has litigated a wide variety of matters in the federal district courts, courts of appeals, the United States Supreme Court, and in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Shapiro has specialized in the drafting and revision of appellate briefs. He also has tried cases before administrative law judges.

Mr. Shapiro's practice has embraced a variety of energy and environmental issues ranging from the merger of utilities to environmental questions arising in federal hydropower licensing and under the Clean Air Act. He also has participated in matters involving Native American rights, regulatory takings, statutory preemption, and federal-state disputes under the Commerce Clause. Mr. Shapiro's counseling activities have included particular focus on the interface between antitrust law and economic regulation. He also counsels on administrative and environmental law issues, including judicial review.

Government Service

- Deputy General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 1980-1985
- Solicitor, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 1978-1980

U.S. Department of Justice

- Assistant to the Solicitor General, 1975-1978
- Chief of Appellate Section, Antitrust Division, 1968-1975
- Attorney, 1955-1968

Professional and Civic Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Supreme Court Institute of the Georgetown University Law Center

Honors & Distinctions

- *Chambers Global*; Energy: Electricity; 2006-2012
- *Chambers USA*; Energy: Electricity; 2005-2011
- *Legal 500 USA*; Energy Litigation; 2008-2010