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PRACTICES

Litigation & Investigations
Oil, Gas, & LNG

EDUCATION

New York Law School
City University of New York, Brooklyn College

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia Bar
New York State Bar
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

PAUL KORMAN

PARTNER



Professional Background

Paul Korman is experienced in complex litigation before federal and state courts and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He advises interstate pipelines, intrastate pipelines, natural gas producers, marketers, and distribution companies on virtually all aspects of natural gas regulation. Paul represents companies and investors in rate cases, complaints, and confidential investigations before FERC and other regulatory agencies involving both natural gas and electricity. In November 2007, he was invited to be a member of the "Practitioners Panel" at FERC's first conference on Energy Policy Act of 2005 enforcement. Paul has also successfully argued cases before the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuits.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman, Paul served as the Assistant General Counsel of MidCon Corp., a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation. In addition to representing MidCon Corp. at FERC, he was responsible for all phases of complex litigation between two interstate pipelines, which included proceedings before federal and state courts and FERC. He also managed administrative litigation and won reversal of an order seeking over $1 billion in restitution, precipitating a favorable settlement.

Paul previously served as the Firm's Ethics Officer and as a member of the firm's Executive and Compensation Committees.

Representative Experience

- Successfully litigated Dominion Resources, Inc. - Cove Point LNG's application before the Maryland Public Service Commission requesting a certificate to construct a natural gas fired generating station to enable the export of LNG.
- On behalf of the Texas Pipeline Association, briefed and argued an appeal resulting in the Fifth Circuit vacating the Commission rule requiring the posting of certain data by intrastate pipelines.
- Successfully litigated rate, complaint, and certificate cases on behalf of interstate pipelines, including rate cases initiated under sections 4 and 5 of the Natural Gas Act and section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act.
- Successfully represented a client subject to a FERC show cause order alleging market manipulation.
- Resolved FERC enforcement matters without the clients paying a civil penalty.
- Provides compliance training for regulated entities on all facets of FERC's regulations and conducting internal investigations.
- Argued cases before the Tenth, Fifth, and D.C. Courts of Appeal.

Government Service

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Assistant to Commissioner George Hall, 1977-1979

Federal Power Commission

Special Assistant, 1975-1977

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Awards and Honors

Super Lawyers
2012-2025

"Best Lawyers in America" by *Best Lawyers*
Energy Law, 2014-2027
Oil and Gas Law, 2014-2027

Legal 500 - Recommended Attorney
Energy Regulation - Oil & Gas, 2019-2021

Chambers USA
Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory and Litigation), 2010-2026

Legal 500
Energy Litigation

"Best Lawyers in America" by *U.S. News & World Report*
Energy Law 2014-2016

Articles and Presentations

- Considering the Public Convenience and Necessity in Pipeline Certificate Cases Under the Natural Gas Act, Energy Law Journal, Vol. 38 Issue 1, 05/01/2017
- Uncertainty Ahead for FERC Income Tax Allowance Policy, Law360.com, 07/11/2016
- American Gas Association 8th Annual Energy Market Regulation Conference, American Gas Association, Albuquerque NM, 10/08/2015
- AGA FERC Manual: A Guide for Local Distribution Companies (2015-2016), Contributing Author American Gas Association, 2015-2016 Edition, 06/01/2015
- AGA FERC Manual: A Guide for Local Distribution Companies (2013), Contributing Author American Gas Association, 2013 Edition, 06/01/2013
- NIPPC Annual Meeting 2012, Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition, Union WA, 09/09/2012
- 10th Annual Gas and Power Institute, University of Texas School of Law, Houston TX, 09/23/2011
- FERC Compliance Summit 2008, Infocast, Washington DC, 05/19/2008

Alerts

- FERC Reauthorizes Texas LNG, Rio Grande LNG Projects, 04/25/2023
- FERC Approves the Spire STL Pipeline, Ensuring Continued Operations, 12/16/2022
- Proposed BSEE Rule Continues Interior Department Focus on Decommissioning Costs and Obligations, 08/17/2016
- BOEM Unveils Significant New Supplemental Financial Assurance Requirements in NTL 2016-N01, 07/15/2016
- D.C. Circuit Questions FERC's Income Tax Allowance Policy, 07/01/2016
- FERC Issues Long-awaited Remand Order Responding to *Delaware Riverkeeper v. FERC*, 11/20/2015
- Seaway Initial Decision on Remand Spurns FERC Holding on Committed Shipper Rates and Finds them Subject to Modification, 05/12/2014

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- FERC Order Permits Rockies Express Pipeline LLC to Move Forward with East to West Transportation of Shale Gas Production, 11/27/2013