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**PRACTICES**

Electric  
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**EDUCATION**

George Washington University  
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**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia Bar  
Virginia State Bar

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**Professional Background**

David's practice focuses on the issues involved with use of, interconnection with and development of the interstate transmission grid as well as wholesale electric power transactions. He represents renewable generation developers, public power authorities and utilities, and other utility clients in petitions, rulemakings, and litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), transmission and power sale service transactions, litigation before federal and state courts, and arbitration involving energy issues.

David is an adjunct professor of energy law at The George Washington University Law School. David is also a frequent speaker on a wide range of energy issues, has lectured at Johns Hopkins University and Vermont Law School and has published numerous articles in that area. David was an exchange student in The Netherlands from 1969 to 1970, and he speaks conversational Dutch.

**Representative Experience**

- Long time general counsel to a four-state public power agency regarding FERC transmission regulation, power sales, electric generation development, municipal revenue bond offerings, PURPA qualifying facility issues, and federal Power Marketing Administration (PMA) issues.
- Outside counsel to a New York State power authority in matters including the establishment and the client's subsequent interaction with the New York Independent System Operator, negotiation of a long term off-take agreement with a merchant transmission facility developer, negotiation, and representation before the FERC regarding a long term power sale off-take agreement from a bundle of electric power plants.
- Negotiation of non-standard interconnection and transmission service agreements for large wind farms in the MISO and SPP RTO areas.
- Successful representation of solar and other interests in comments to the FERC about integration of variable energy resources with the transmission grid.
- Lead trial counsel in a state court trial of a dispute about a thirty year old power sale agreement between public power agencies.
- Several arbitrations in California involving public power agencies concerning the operation and output of a federally chartered hydroelectric project.
- Successful negotiation of the first modern-era, full service interconnection agreement in California between a control area operator and an independent distribution utility in the control area.
- Representation of natural gas distributors before FERC regarding the changing relationship with pipeline suppliers during the transition of the natural gas industry.

**Articles and Presentations**

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- Supreme Court Upholds FERC Rule on Pricing of Demand Response in Organized Electricity Markets, 01/27/2016
- D.C. Circuit Denies Order No. 1000 Appeals, Upholds FERC's Vision for Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation, 08/18/2014
- D.C. Circuit Vacates FERC Rule on Pricing of Demand Response in Organized Energy Markets, 05/27/2014
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- Circuit Court Upholds Broad Transmission Project Cost Allocation in MISO, 06/17/2013
- CFTC Issues Final Dodd Frank RTO/ISO and 201(f) Exemptions, 04/01/2013