



Eric J. Schneidewind

Experience

Eric is a member of the firm's Energy and Telecommunications Practice Team. His practice focuses on electrical retail wheeling, non-utility electric power marketing, cogeneration projects, waste to energy, utility scale natural gas, coal and wind generating plants. Eric's clients include large government and private development entities and generation hosts who he assists in the purchase of natural gas, and with environmental permitting as well as the negotiation of fuel, equipment, lease and power purchase agreements relating to electric generation projects. On behalf of his clients, he secured the first licenses to market electricity in the Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison service territories.

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Practice Area

- Energy Law

Education

- University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, Michigan
J.D., 1970
- University of California
Berkeley, California
B.A., 1967

Professional Affiliations

- Electric Power Supply Association
- State Bar of Michigan: Administrative Law Section
- Ingham County Bar Association

Recognitions

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2003
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

Community Involvement

- AARP National Board Member, President Elect, 2014 and Member, 2012 - present
- AARP, State President, 2006 - 2012
- Michigan Public Service Commission, Chairman and Commissioner, Director of Policy
- Michigan Insurance Bureau, Deputy Director for Policy and Consumer Protection
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Real Estate Attorney
- Loaves and Fishes Homeless Shelter, Volunteer



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University of Michigan Law School
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J.D.

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Legal

Employment

Varnum LLP
Lansing, Michigan 1986
Of Counsel
Co-chair, Energy and Telecommunications Practice Group

Michigan Public Service Commission, 1976 - 1985
Commissioner, 1979 – 1981, and Chairman, 1981 - 1985

Michigan Insurance and Financial Agencies, 1970 - 1976

Practice

Areas

Energy, public utilities, and cogeneration representing large energy users and independent power producers.

Professional

Affiliations

State Bar of Michigan

State Bar of Michigan (Administrative Law Section)

Electric Power Supply Association

Ingham County Bar Association

Honors

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2003

Named Western Michigan "Thought Leader" in Law by Business Review of Western Michigan -2009

Named a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer for Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources by

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Community Involvement

American Lawyer Media (ALM)

Martindale-Hubbell Rated AV® Preeminent™

Michigan Public Service Commission (Chairman and Commissioner, Director of Policy)

Michigan Insurance Bureau (Deputy Director for Policy and Consumer Protection)

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (Real Estate Attorney)

Securities Enforcement and Investigative Work and Administration of Michigan

AARP (National Board 2012 - Present)

AARP (State President, 2006 – 2012)

Loaves and Fishes Homeless Shelter (Volunteer)

Representative Matters

Regulatory Policy and Renewable Energy: Representation of competitive power suppliers and non-utility renewable power developers in drafting and passage of regulatory reform and renewable power incentive legislation in 2008.

Retail Wheeling: Representation of large commercial energy users before the Michigan Public Service Commission to establish an experimental retail wheeling program for Consumers Power Company and Detroit Edison Company. Participated in drafting and obtaining passage of 2000 PA 141 which restructured Michigan's electric industry and provisions of 2008 PA 286 and 295.

Cogeneration: Representation of several cogeneration projects in negotiations to sell power to Consumers Power Company

Drafted and obtained passage of legislation (PA81 of 1987) which assures that cogenerator's contracts for the sale of power to electric utilities will be subject to regulatory review on a one time only basis

Assisted Kent County, Ada Cogeneration, four utility scale wood fired generation projects and Noble Environmental Wind Farm projects in negotiating a power sales contract for electric output

Representation of Menasha Corporation and Dotmar Gypsum in all aspects of Cogeneration Plants including development and implementation of natural gas well head supply and transport, equipment service agreements, equipment design/build agreements, and equipment lease matters

General Representation of cogeneration interests before the Michigan Public Service Commission for several years through representation of Energy Michigan, the cogeneration trade association for Michigan

-- MPSC Case No. U-9586, Consumers Power Company Cogeneration Competitive Bid Procedures Case to develop framework for future independent power purchases by Consumers Power

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- MPSC Case No. U-9798, The Detroit Edison Company Cogeneration Competitive Bid Procedures Case, to develop framework for future independent power purchasers by Detroit Edison
- MPSC Case No. U-10335, Consumers Power Company, to present independent power position on standby rates, DSM programs, and interruptible rates

Representation before the Michigan Public Service Commission of Michigan Cogeneration Systems, Inc. concerning approval of Public Act 2 Power Purchase Agreement with The Detroit Edison Company

Natural Gas: Representation of manufacturers in the direct purchase of natural gas at the wellhead in Canada and the United States and transportation of the gas to points of use throughout the United States

Representation of privately owned cogeneration projects in the purchase and transportation of natural gas from sources in Canada and the United States

Representation of large industrial users in negotiations with local gas distribution companies

Telecommunications: Prepared and presented seminars to World Bank Staff on federal and state developments in telecommunications

Proposed and drafted enabling legislation to "privatize" the state owned Sri Lanka Telecommunications Company

Proposed and drafted enabling legislation to create a Telecommunications Regulatory Agency for Sri Lanka

Proposed staffing and administrative organization for the Telecommunications Board of Sri Lanka

Publications and Presentations

Co-author (with Dr. Timothy Nulty), Regulatory Policy for Telecommunications in Developing Countries