

Anthony J. Ferate, JD

Professional Experience:

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Assn. 2014-present

- Lead the environmental and regulatory efforts of the 2800-member industry association
- Maintain responsibility for all legal issues before the association, including antitrust, regulatory, tax matters and corporate governance
- Develop strategy and messaging for industry efforts before governmental entities
- Draft and edit all legislative proposals placed with legislators
- Opposed local efforts to regulate oil and gas drilling in opposition to state regulation
- Amended organizational procedures in the HR department to assure legal compliance
- Instituted antitrust policies to assure compliance and prevent possible investigations

General Counsel, Oklahoma Republican Party, 2010-present (Volunteer position)

- Handle all legal matters of the state party
- Serve as key strategy advisor to the Chairman
- Serve as operational stability during transition between Chairs
- Completed two FEC inquiries (one four years long) into state party financial management with only one negative finding and a minor fine.

Public Policy Coordinator, Devon Energy Corporation 2011-2014

- Aligned the corporate policy interests at the local, state and federal policy levels
- Planned and executed policy planning with input from all corporate levels and divisions
- Engaged in policy initiatives and strategic relationships essential to corporate operations
- Represented corporate interests related to utility regulatory efforts
- Developed market demand team to address natural gas/electric utility relations to grow natural gas market share
- Led efforts to coordinate legal efforts with like-minded state Attorneys General

Oklahoma City Director, Partner, Ryan Glover LLP 2009-2011

- Responsible for operational leadership over all functions of the Oklahoma City office
- Practice responsibility included broad-based energy law and public policy efforts
- Managed client development and relationship strategy
- Supervised staff in effort to manage client needs
- Lead successful approval process for utility Asset Management Agreement
- Lead Oklahoma and Arkansas Energy Efficiency proceedings for utility
- Facilitated finance proposal for offshore well in Southeast Asia and Alabama natural gas field

General Counsel/Chief Financial Officer, American Clean Skies Foundation, 2007-2009

- Maintained responsibility for all legal, HR, tax and financial issues facing foundation
- Responsible for all contracting negotiations and document review
- Lead coalition including wind, solar and independent generator industries in state regulatory proceedings
- Lead nationwide elected official education program
- Directed policy and research teams to assure effective data flow from foundation
- Set up foundation from initial incorporation to development of internal processes for foundation operation

- Grew staffing from two original employees to more than 40 in two years
- Coordinated efforts with MIT to fund and develop study “The Future of Natural Gas” led by current Secretary of Energy

**Senior Aide/Attorney, Commissioner Denise A. Bode, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
2006-2007**

- Assisted Commissioner Bode in overseeing 70% of Oklahoma's economy covering all areas of critical infrastructure in Oklahoma
- Met with key industrial leaders to form policy and gain knowledge critical to the Commissioner
- Conducted legal research and draft opinions to benefit Commissioner's decision making
- Negotiated and drafted final commission orders between adversarial parties
- Wrote press releases and conducted media relations
- Drafted key telecommunications decision leading to telecom deregulation in Oklahoma

Legal Clerk, Judge Gary L. Lumpkin, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, 2004-2006

- Wrote initial draft of opinions and assisted in the editorial process
- Conducted initial review of appellate briefs
- Researched novel issues of law
- Prepared briefs on questions presented to the Court
- Presented and discussed issues before the Court with Judge Lumpkin

Military Experience:

Intelligence Specialist, United States Navy Reserve, 2005-2015

Joint Intelligence Center Pacific (JICPAC), Fort Worth, TX 2005-2007

Office of Naval Intelligence 0466 (ONI), Washington, D.C. 2007-2015

Individual Ready Reserve 2011-*present*

- ONI Interim Manager, China Collections
- OPINTEL, HUMINT, and OSINT certified
- Lead and organized ONI standing requirements fulfillment
- Unit Operations lead responsible for 66% increase in production

Education:

Oklahoma City University School of Law

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2006

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Bachelor of Arts/Political Science, December 1999

Minor in History

Professional Licenses and Affiliations:

- TOP SECRET/SCI security clearance (expired 2015 - eligible for reactivation)
- Oklahoma Bar Association #21171
- U.S. Circuit Court for the Armed Forces #34111
- Speaker/Lecturer, Federalist Society
- Guest lecturer, The Leadership Institute

Professional Activities and Involvement:

- Member, Downtown Club of Oklahoma City, 2010-2014
- Member, Law School Review Committee, Oklahoma Bar Association, 2009-*present*
- Member, Law Related Education Committee, Oklahoma Bar Association, 2009-*present*
- Member, U.S. Rowing, Oklahoma City chapter (five-time medalist) 2009-*present*