



ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Bright Ideas

Our more than 60 years of providing comprehensive representation to public, municipal and nonprofit utilities, regional utility districts, conservancy districts and communications service providers allows us to guide clients through the regulatory and developmental challenges they face today and into the future.

Barnes & Thornburg's experience in energy and utilities law enables us to advise on virtually all phases of operations and transactions involving investor-owned, municipal and other types of utilities, generators and service providers. We work with large and small utilities alike, advising on appeals, declaratory judgment actions, injunction proceedings, contract negotiations, condemnation cases, financing, legislation, pole attachment matters, and other aspects of provider operations.

We handle hundreds of rate cases and represent energy and utilities clients before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., and before state and federal courts. Clients turn to us to help resolve issues pertaining to eminent domain, zoning, service area and territorial disputes, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) matters. Notably, our team obtained one of the first Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) sought under Indiana's Utility Powerplant Construction Act, and we routinely represent energy clients seeking CPCNs for new generation.

Our team is involved in the full array of financing transactions, including bond issues, public offerings and private placements. We provide counsel regarding compliance with federal and state reporting requirements, jurisdictional conflicts and regulatory approvals. We have guided energy, utilities and communications clients through dozens of provider mergers and acquisitions and in determining and obtaining the requisite approvals.

Why Barnes & Thornburg?

We bring more than 60 years of providing comprehensive representation to public, municipal and nonprofit utilities, regional utility districts, conservancy districts and communications service providers. Working with our clients, we guide them through the regulatory and developmental challenges they face today and into the future.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Bond, Debt and Stock Issuances
Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN)
Communications
Eminent Domain
Environmental
Public Utilities and Zoning
Rate Cases
Renewable Energy
Service Areas and Territorial Disputes
Utility Mergers and Acquisitions

RELATED PRACTICES

Corporate
Government and Public Finance

We also represent renewable, green and alternative energy providers, including independent power and co-generation producers, at all stages of development, rendering practical advice that helps them capitalize on new opportunities to come. In addition, we guide telecommunications and local exchange companies and their affiliates, carriers and associations through the range of legal issues they face and in federal and state proceedings arising under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

In 2017, Barnes & Thornburg was the only Indiana firm ranked Tier 1 on U.S. News-Best Lawyers Best Law Firms list in Indianapolis for energy law.

Energy and Utilities Practice Leaders



**Nicholas K.
Kile**

Partner

P 317-231-7768

F 317-231-7433



**Teresa
Morton
Nyhart**

Partner

P 317-231-7716

F 317-231-7433