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Clients come to John for his practical advice and creative solutions to complex regulatory and business issues.

John Adragna represents the interests of consumers of electricity and natural gas, particularly cooperatively and municipally owned electric utilities, in business transactions, federal and state regulatory proceedings, and administrative litigation. His transactional work includes all aspects of wholesale power supply contracting, asset acquisition and sales, resource acquisition, renewable resource development, transmission and interconnection service, and regional wholesale electricity market participation, particularly within regional transmission organizations (RTOs) such as the PJM Interconnection, LLC; Southwest Power Pool; and Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

His regulatory and litigation experience includes representing clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other federal and state regulatory agencies, and federal and state courts involving appellate review of agency decisions. His work before FERC includes wholesale power and transmission rate proceedings, mergers and acquisitions, utility bankruptcies, and contract disputes. He has clients in state regulatory proceedings involving issues ranging from electric distribution rates, mergers, infrastructure replacement, grid resilience, smart grid development, and distribution system reliability.

A former member of the Firm's Strategic Growth Committee, John is one of the senior energy partners of the firm's District of Columbia-based energy regulatory and transactional practice.

Representative Matters

District of Columbia Office of the People's Counsel—Undergrounding initiative
Assisted in the negotiation and development of the approximately \$1 billion public/private DC PLUG distribution facility undergrounding initiative, which included the use of securitized financing, subsequent legislative amendments, and the ongoing implementation of the program.

Louisiana municipal utility—MISO integration
Assisted a Louisiana municipality in integrating its electric utility system and generation and transmission assets into the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) marketplace and assists the municipality with its ongoing participation in the MISO capacity, energy and ancillary services markets, and with its compliance with MISO market rules. We also represent the municipality's interests in administrative litigation before FERC.

Education

George Washington University Law School, JD, 1978

State University of New York at Buffalo, BA, 1975

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Memberships and Certifications

Energy Bar Association

Electric Cooperative Bar Association

Recognitions*

The Best Lawyers in America, Energy Law, Washington, DC, 2019–2024

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