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Brett Snyder focuses his practice on the regulation of the natural gas, oil, and electric industries and related transactions. He advises clients regarding the certification of new natural gas infrastructure projects, and regularly represents energy industry clients in complex administrative and rate litigation and in agency investigations before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), Department of Energy ("DOE"), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and in federal courts.

In the natural gas and oil sectors, Brett counsels his clients on the federal regulation of natural gas and oil/liquids transportation and sales, including the structuring of transactions. He advises new pipeline and liquefied natural gas terminal projects and manages all aspects of FERC certification proceedings, including requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). Brett is co-author of the first editions of *The AGA FERC Manual: A Guide for Local Distribution Companies*, a comprehensive FERC manual for natural gas distribution companies.

Brett represents electric industry participants in Federal Power Act rate and regulatory matters. He advises clients on issues relating to rate and tariff proceedings, including market-based rate issues, participation in regional transmission organizations, and acquisitions.

Brett represents natural gas, oil, and electric clients in complex administrative and rate litigation before FERC, and in public and non-public investigations, regulatory audits, and self-reporting proceedings before FERC's Office of Enforcement, the CFTC, and the Federal Trade Commission. He also represents energy and other companies in FCC licensing matters relating to mergers and acquisitions and reorganizations.

Chambers USA noted that Brett has "a deep knowledge of regulatory matters and is skilled at navigating complex issues. He also has strong relationships with the regulators," according to a client. And Chambers Global shares that clients say "His experience with pipeline rate case proceedings is unparalleled, his written communication is very clear and he's very responsive.' 'Astute, intelligent and experienced."

Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Memberships

- Energy Bar Association
- Federal Communications Bar Association

Education

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, BS
- Georgetown University Law Center, JD

Recognitions

- 2020–2024, Energy Law in Washington, D.C., listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2022–2024, Energy: Oil & Gas Law (Regulatory & Litigation), listed in Chambers Global
- 2019–2023, Energy: Oil & Gas Law (Regulatory & Litigation), listed in Chambers USA
- 2022, listed in The Legal 500 United States
- 2020 & 2022, listed in Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll
- 2017–2018, "Up and Coming" in Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), listed in Chambers USA

Professional Activities

Brett serves as an active member of the Energy Bar Association and the Federal Communications Bar Association.