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Brandon represents major utilities in complex matters involving regulatory approvals. He proactively engages with clients in the early phases of projects to develop and understand their strategic objectives, as well as plan for any potential obstacles they may face.

OVERVIEW

Brandon helps utilities shape and implement strategies to help them achieve their business goals. He is widely recognized for effectively representing clients in matters involving regulatory approvals before state commissions. Brandon has particular experience working on projects involving integrated resource planning; certifications of new generation, including new nuclear generation; rate cases; RFPs for purchase power; certifications and RFPs for renewable resources; and qualifying facility contracting processes. Brandon has also helped clients with their regulatory matters in the natural gas industry, and specifically in Georgia's deregulated retail natural gas market.

Brandon, who has been top-ranked by *Chambers USA* since 2009, brings an informed, inside perspective to his practice. Before joining the firm, he served as an attorney for the Georgia Public Service Commission, where he focused primarily in the area of natural gas regulation, including matters involving state retail deregulation, pipeline safety and violations of consumer rights. Prior to that, he worked as an attorney with Georgia's Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs; he later assisted the governor and legislators with the development of the Consumers' Relief Act of 2002.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counsel for Georgia Power in matters involving certification of new supply-side resources. This includes self-owned natural gas combined-cycle, nuclear, biomass and purchased power resources.
- Counsel for Georgia Power in rate cases, fuel cost recovery proceedings, and integrated resource planning proceedings before the GPSC.
- Counsel for Georgia Power Co. before GPSC on various PURPA-related matters.
- Counsel for Georgia Power Co. on various Electric Territorial Assignment Cases.
- Counsel for Duke Energy Carolinas in the certification of a new coal plant before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.
- Counsel to Duke Energy in connection with several proceedings before the North Carolina Utility Commission pertaining to resource development and retail ratemaking.

- Counsel to Southern Company Gas on various compliance matters.
- Primary counsel to the Natural Gas Section of the GPSC, dealing with all matters in both the regulated and deregulated environments.
- Counsel to Pipeline Safety Section of the GPSC, primarily responsible for assisting staff with the enforcement of the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act (GUFPA).
- Worked closely with the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs in assisting the governor and legislators with the development of the Consumers' Relief Act of 2002.
- Testified before the Georgia Senate Study Committee on Natural Gas in 2002.

AWARDS

- *Lawdragon: 500 Leading Energy Lawyers* (2025)
- *Legal 500 United States* for Industry Focus: Energy Regulation: Conventional Power (2021-2022) and Oil and Gas (2021-2025), Energy Litigation: Electric Power (2023-2025), Energy Regulation: Electric Power (2023-2025), Energy: Energy Transactions: Electric Power (2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Energy Law (2021-2026), Energy Regulatory Law (2024-2026)
- *Chambers USA*: Energy, Georgia (2009-2022), Energy & Natural Resources (2024-2025)
- “Top Lawyer in Energy Law,” *GaBiz Magazine* (2026)
- *Law & Politics* and *Atlanta Magazine*, “Rising Star” in Energy & Natural Resources (2007, 2009-2010)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- Oil + Gas
- Renewable Energy
- State Energy Regulation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- State Bar of Georgia
- Energy Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys
- National Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Attorney, Georgia Public Service Commission, 2002-2004
- Attorney, Consumers' Utility Counsel Division, Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs, 2001-2002

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., 1999
- Morehouse College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Court of Appeals of Georgia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Navigating the Inflation Reduction Act: Insights on Brownfield Energy Community Credits," Energy Law Insights, January 29, 2025.
- Speaker, "The New Energy Turf Wars – What's Next After Lear Jet, EPSA and Hughes?," Troutman Energy Conference 2017 (Chicago), June 28, 2017.