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Steve focuses on the state regulation of electric utilities. With a keen understanding of his clients' business and operational goals, Steve works tirelessly to achieve results that balance these interests in the regulatory environments in which his clients operate.

OVERVIEW

Drawing on years of experience litigating environmental, construction, and business disputes, Steve brings a unique and valuable perspective to the energy regulatory field. He routinely works on matters of foremost importance to his clients' business interests, helping to strategically guide and implement those business decisions.

Steve works on a wide range of matters, from construction and cost recovery strategies for new generation facilities, including nuclear, to the analysis, valuation and procurement of renewable energy and distributed energy resources, as well as integrated resource planning, rate cases, and qualifying facility contracting processes. He also represents electric utilities in rate cases, fuel cost recovery matters and integrated resource planning proceedings. This variety of experience helps Steve efficiently and effectively assess and overcome the challenges faced by regulated utilities.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Serves as counsel for Georgia Power in rate cases, fuel cost recovery proceedings and integrated resource planning proceedings before the Georgia Public Service Commission.
- Advises Georgia Power in matters related to the construction of new supply-side resources, including new nuclear generation.
- Defended a major utility in litigation with the EPA over alleged violations of the New Source Review requirements of the Clean Air Act.
- Represented permit holders in challenges to permits issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Shore Protection Act and other statutes.
- Served as counsel for commercial real estate developers, landowners and manufacturing facilities in litigation over property contamination and devaluation claims.
- Obtained favorable results for state agencies in litigation under the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

- Represented large utility companies in litigation related to the construction of coal-fired and nuclear power plants.
- Defended boiler manufacturers and equipment suppliers in litigation over the supply and construction of coal-fired utility boilers and equipment.

AWARDS

- *Chambers USA*: Energy & Natural Resources, Georgia (2022-2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: “Lawyer of the Year” Atlanta, Energy Regulatory Law (2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Energy Law (2021-2026), Energy Regulatory Law (2025-2026)
- Rising Star in Environmental Litigation, *Law & Politics* and *Atlanta Magazine* (2006-2007, 2009-2012)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Litigation + Trial
- Renewable Energy
- State Energy Regulation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Contaminated Sites + Waste Management
- Energy
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Environmental Litigation + Enforcement Defense
- FERC
- Government + Regulatory Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Renewable Energy
- State Energy Regulation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- State Bar of Georgia
- State Bar of Florida
- Board member, American Red Cross of Georgia – Greater Atlanta Region (2019 – present)
- Member, Steering Committee, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation Winetasting Event (2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial intern to the Honorable Julie E. Carnes (formerly) of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Fall 1996

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., *with distinction*, 1997, Moot Court Order of Advocates
- Cornell University, B.S., 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia
- Florida

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Harnessing Technology in Litigation: Insights from Troutman Pepper eMerge," *Energy Law Insights*, November 14, 2024.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "PURPA Fight Could Sway Solar's Future in GA," E&E News, May 16, 2022.