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New Spencer Fane Attorney Joins Environmental and Energy Law Practices in Austin

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to welcome [David M. Skawin](#) to the firm's Austin, Texas, office as an associate in the Environmental and Energy Law practice groups.

David helps clients prepare for, navigate, and resolve issues related to public utility laws and regulations, employing diverse experience in the public and private sectors to form practical solutions and mitigate potential risks.

Most recently, David served as an attorney for the Public Utility Commission of Texas, where he managed matters such as rate regulation, rulemaking, evaluation, and enforcement pertaining to public utilities throughout the state of Texas, including electricity, telecommunications, and water.

David also notably served as a policy analyst to the Texas Senate's Business and Commerce Committee, where he analyzed hundreds of pieces of legislation, met with key stakeholders to develop strategies, and advised Texas State Senators on how to best achieve their goals.

"David's experience working across multiple branches of the government of Texas will undoubtedly provide him a unique, multifocal approach to his client work in private practice," said [Cody Faulk](#), Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Austin. "We look forward to how his diverse skill set will complement our strong and dynamic Environmental and Energy Law practice groups as the team consistently navigates rapidly evolving and complex public utility policies and regulations."

After obtaining two bachelor's degrees from The University of Texas at Austin, David earned his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center. Upon graduating and following several internships while in law school, he worked for the Texas Legislative Council providing nonpartisan legal services and acting as de facto in-

house counsel.