



Spencer Fane Energy Practice Gains Skilled Attorney in Austin

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce [Wendy K. L. Harvel](#) joined the firm's Austin office as an of counsel attorney in the Environmental and Energy Law practice groups.

Wendy helps clients navigate the intersection of technical, business, and regulatory frameworks within the public utility sector. She boasts extensive experience in matters spanning rate cases; water and electric transmission Certificates of Convenience and Necessity; sale, transfer, and merger cases; and fuel reconciliations.

For nearly two decades, Wendy served as both a Master Administrative Law Judge and head of the Public Utility Team for the Texas State Office of Administrative Hearings. There, she acted as a neutral party presiding over disputes between Texas agencies, other governmental entities, and private citizens through administrative hearings or alternative dispute resolution proceedings, specifically mediation.

"Wendy joins our firm with an extensive and unique background in both the public and private legal sectors, providing an enriched understanding of public utilities and energy law in general," said [Bill Hopkins](#), Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Austin. "We are excited to see how this multifaceted experience will integrate with our diverse practice group and across the firm's strong and growing Texas footprint."

A distinguished industry thought leader, Wendy frequently presents and moderates sessions on utility law and administrative procedure at industry conferences and other large forums throughout Texas and nationally.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan before earning her Juris Doctor at the University of Texas School of Law.