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## Overview

**Evan Johnson represents water utilities in complex regulatory proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, drawing on twenty years of electric and water utility industry experience to consistently achieve favorable outcomes. He has developed an expansive water utility practice representing regulated water utilities in acquisition and rate change proceedings at the Public Utility Commission, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Office of the Attorney General.**

Evan's experience includes serving as lead counsel in hundreds of contested rate cases, applications for certification of convenience and necessity, sale-transfer-merger proceedings, rulemaking projects, and customer complaints, as well as various other regulatory enforcement proceedings. He has significant experience advising clients on complex issues affecting the establishment of regulated rates, including issues related to cost of capital, depreciation, tax expense, cash working capital, rate design, and land acquisition.

## Education

- University of Houston Law Center, 2008 (J.D.)
- The University of Texas at Austin, 2002 (B.A., M.A.)

## Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2008
- Arkansas, 2025

## Community Involvement

- YMCA of Greater Austin, General Counsel, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, 2020-present
- Austin Bar Association, Adoption Day, 2016-present

- Extend-a-Care for Kids, Board of Directors, 2009-2020
- All Saints Episcopal Day School, Board of Trustees, 2015-present
- Volunteer Legal Services, 2008-present
- Long Way Home, Inc., Founder, Treasurer, Board of Directors, 2009-2013

## Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Energy Law; Oil and Gas Law, 2027
- Thomson Reuters, Stand-Out Lawyer, 2026

## Memberships

- Austin Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2018-present
- State Bar of Texas, 2008-present
- Austin Bar Association, 2008-present
  - Board of Directors, 2018-2021
- Society of Depreciation Professionals, 2018-present
- Texas Association of Water Utilities, Associate Member, 2021-2023

## Presentations and Publications

- "Texas: A Water Law Overview," *Chambers USA*, 2026
- "PHMSA Regulations of Pipeline Integrity and AC Interference," Texas Utility Lawyers Association, 2016
- "Regulation of Water Utilities at the Public Utility Commission of Texas," Texas Water Utilities Association, 2015
- "Depreciation Issues in Contested Proceeding Before Texas Regulatory Agencies," Society of Depreciation Professionals, 2015
- "Public Utility Commission and Legislative Update," Texas Utility Lawyers Annual Meeting, 2013
- "Evidence and Procedure Developments at SDAH and the Railroad Commission of Texas," Texas Utility Lawyers Annual Meeting, 2012
- "Ex Parte Communications," State Bar of Texas Advanced Administrative Law, 2011
- "Clarifying Ex Parte Communications," State Bar of Texas Advanced Administrative Law Seminar, 2011
- "A Reconsideration of Ethics Opinion 587 Regarding Ex Parte Communications in Administrative Proceedings," *Texas Tech Administrative Law Review*, 2010
- "A Comparative Analysis of the Railroad Commission of Texas' and the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's Authority to Regulate Gas-cap Production," *University of Houston Law Review*, 2008

## Related Experience

- Served as lead counsel for water and wastewater utilities in over 100 STM/CCN proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- Served as lead or co-counsel for Texas water and electric utilities in rate case proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and natural gas utilities in rate proceedings before the Railroad Commission of Texas.
- Served as lead counsel for electric transmission utilities in certificate of necessity and convenience proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- Served as lead counsel for Texas electric utilities in energy efficiency cost recovery factor, fuel factor, and fuel reconciliation proceedings and other regulatory or enforcement proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

- Served as lead or co-counsel for Texas gas utilities in various abandonment proceedings before the Railroad Commission of Texas.
- Served as lead or co-counsel for rate case or formula rate proceedings before the Arkansas Public Service Commission.
- Served as co-counsel for large wholesale water providers in Texas before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.