

Energy Litigation

Disputes involving energy companies often involve complex technical, contractual, political and regulatory aspects. Our team has extensive experience representing energy industry clients in a wide range of contract and business tort disputes, including the prosecution and defense of claims that concern regulatory compliance, performance under power purchase agreements, municipal fees for public utility work, and theft of equipment design.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented a petroleum company in individual actions resulting from an oil spill.

Represented a utility company in disputes with municipalities over public work fees.

Represented a utility company in a putative class action involving electric metering. Obtained the dismissal of class allegations.

Represented a utility company against claims brought by a power provider for enforcement of PURPA and for damages under various 42 U.S.C. § 1983 theories. Negotiated a voluntary dismissal of most claims and prevailed on summary judgment on the remaining claims.

Represented utility company in action by owner of wind generation facilities seeking \$30 million for alleged breach of interconnection agreements. Obtained a favorable settlement following successful motions and agency decision.

Lead trial counsel for a major energy company in dispute with one of the world's largest oil companies. The oil company sought \$32 million plus punitive damages based on alleged lost profits and equipment damages from electrical interruptions to a California refinery. After a four-week trial in federal court (Central District of California), the jury returned a straight defense verdict in our favor on all claims. This case was profiled in [Law360](#).