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George Fatula's practice focuses on energy-related transactions, regulatory matters, projects, and controversies. George has extensive experience navigating the intersection of regulatory and commercial issues arising in the development and operation of major energy infrastructure projects.

George regularly advises energy infrastructure project developers and operators in negotiating and drafting commercial agreements and transaction documents, and steering through regulatory issues arising in the development, expansion, or repurposing of pipeline, storage, export, and other infrastructure projects. George represents project developers in permitting and related proceedings to obtain regulatory approval for new projects, including FERC certificate applications and proceedings. He advises project developers and emitters in structuring and negotiating commercial arrangements underpinning carbon capture, transport, and sequestration projects and other energy transition matters. George also represents service providers, producers, generators, project investors, and marketers in commercial, transactional, and regulatory matters, including purchase and sale transactions, compliance matters, tariff and certificate proceedings, and contested matters.

George also has experience counseling market participants on regulatory and commercial issues in the structuring and documentation of derivatives transactions. George has also been recognized as a "rising star lawyer in the District of Columbia" (*IFLR 1000*, 2024).

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Experience

Enbridge, Inc.

- investment as a 45 percent equity partner in OnStream CO₂, LLC, a joint venture with Carbonvert, LLC and Castex Carbon Solutions, LLC that is developing CO₂ capture, transportation and sequestration projects, in which Enbridge will act as OnStream's preferred CO₂ transportation provider

Phillips 66

- \$3.8 billion acquisition of all of the publicly held common units of DCP Midstream, LP in a cash for unit merger transaction. Awarded 2024 M&A Transaction of the Year by The Texas Lawbook and the Houston Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.
- formation of Bluewater Texas Terminal LLC, a joint venture with Trafigura Group Pte. Ltd., to develop an offshore deepwater port project in the Port of Corpus Christi

Tallgrass Energy Partners

- represented two of Tallgrass's interstate natural gas pipelines – Trailblazer and Rockies Express – in connection with a momentous new project that will involve Trailblazer converting a large portion of its system from natural gas service to carbon dioxide service. FERC granted the abandonment application in October of 2023, and we continue to represent the company in all aspects of the regulatory and commercial processes to effectuate the conversion from natural gas service.

Navigator CO₂ Ventures LLC

- development of an industrial scale carbon capture pipeline system of more than 1,200 miles of new carbon dioxide gathering and transportation pipelines across five Midwest states (Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Illinois) with the capability of permanently storing up to 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year

Sixth Street

- \$700 million acquisition of equity interests in joint venture owning various energy products pipelines and related logistics assets

Multinational investment bank and financial services corporation

- served as underwriter's counsel for a \$68 million "green bond" offering to finance the construction of a renewable natural gas (RNG) project in Northwest Iowa that will generate RNG captured from dairy cow manure

TC Energy Corporation

- approximately \$1.275 billion sale of US midstream assets held by its subsidiary, Columbia Midstream Group, to a subsidiary of UGI Corporation including regulatory work, jurisdictional analysis and responding to buyer diligence

AP Energy Holdings Inc and South Field Energy LLC

- \$1.3 billion project financing and equity arrangements for the construction of the South Field Energy project, a 1,182 MW combined-cycle natural gas electric generating facility located near Wellsville, Ohio

Apache Corporation

- execution of a long-term agreement with Enterprise Products Partners L.P., committing 100 percent of its Alpine High natural gas liquids to Enterprise and the grant to Apache for an option for a 33 percent equity stake in the Enterprise Shin Oak pipeline, including regulatory issues related to NGL transportation arrangements

Phillips 66 Partners LP

- commercial and regulatory advice in connection with development of the Gray Oak Pipeline project, including transportation services agreements and related regulatory issues

Targa Resources Partners LP

- commercial and regulatory issues associated with the development of the Grand Prix NGL pipeline, including TSA, tariffs, open season and related matters

Joint venture company

- development of a new, 250-miles interstate natural gas pipeline, including negotiation and drafting of commercial agreements, FERC certificate proceedings and related matters

Delek Logistics Partners LP

- projects involving contractual volume commitments on Delek's Paline Pipeline system, which transports crude oil from Longview, Texas, to the storage and marketing hub in Nederland, Texas

Energy Transfer Partners L.P. (including Sunoco Logistics)

- regulatory counsel on crude oil pipeline projects including Dakota Access, Bayou Bridge, Permian Express 2, Permian Express 3, and other crude oil pipelines on open season and transportation agreement issues and regulatory approvals, including obtaining declaratory orders from FERC approving rates and terms and conditions of service

Cheniere Energy, Inc.

- formation of a joint venture with EIG Global Energy Partners for the development of the Midship pipeline project, an approximately 200 mile, 36-inch, FERC-regulated natural gas pipeline with capacity of up to 1,400 MMcf/day from the Scoop/Stack plays in Oklahoma to Bennington, Oklahoma, including drafting and negotiating precedent agreements for anchor shippers for the project and advising on regulatory and commercial matters

Midstream company

- development of a new oil pipeline from production area in Texas, including advising on FERC regulatory issues and drafting and negotiating with counterparties regarding transportation service agreements, pro forma FERC tariff and open season terms and conditions
- development of a new 300-mile interstate natural gas pipeline to transport Marcellus shale production to market areas in the Southeast, including drafting and negotiating precedent agreements with anchor shippers, preparing and planning regulatory filings, and advising on open season commercial and regulatory matters
- \$1 billion transaction involving sale of gas utility, with the exchange of pipeline and storage assets and long-term associated service agreements
- acquisition of Texas intrastate refined products pipeline system

Independent power project developer

- negotiating and drafting gas pipeline development and transportation agreements with municipality in connection with development of gas-fired power project

Major exploration and production company

- negotiating and drafting bilateral agreements with bank counterparties to govern Dodd-Frank compliance for future derivatives transactions

Natural gas marketer

- applying for and securing Department of Energy approval to export LNG

Affiliate of major U.S. bank

- negotiating and drafting crude oil supply agreement for a refinery in connection with a nearly \$1 billion acquisition of refinery and related pipeline assets and inventories

Credentials

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2007
- University of Richmond, B.A., 2004

Bar Admissions

- New York
 - District of Columbia
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Recognition

Chambers Global

- Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), 2022 – 2025

Chambers USA

- Nationwide Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), 2019 – 2024

The Legal 500 United States

- Energy Regulatory: Oil and Gas, 2018, 2020, 2024

Portfolio Media, Inc.

- *Law360*, Energy Rising Star, 2017

Delinian Limited

- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Rising Star: Project Development, 2019 – 2024
- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Rising Star: Project Finance, 2019 – 2024

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Energy Law, 2022 – 2025

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers*, Energy Transactions, 2023 – 2025

Thomson Reuters

- *Washington, DC Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2014 – 2018

Resources

Bracewell's Oil & Gas Regulatory Group 2020 Top 10 Highlights

Video

US Withdrawal From the Paris Climate Accord and its Impact on the Voluntary Carbon Market

Update

Publications & Speeches

- "Commercial and Legal Considerations for Contractual Arrangements for CO2 Pipelines," CO2 Pipeline Summit 2025, February 18, 2025.
- "TSAs - Evolving Issues," LEPA 2024 Annual Business Conference, September 2024.
- "CO2 Pipelines: Commercial, Regulatory, and Legal Considerations," LEPA 2023 Annual Business Conference, September 2023.
- "Commercial and Legal Considerations for Contractual Arrangements for CCUS Projects," Infocast's CCS/Decarbonization Project Development, Finance & Investment Summit, July 25-27, 2022.
- "Court Decision Could Change Tax Burden on Pipeline MLPs," *Midstream Business*, July 18, 2016.
- "Credit Challenges to Project Development," *Midstream Business*, July 31, 2015.
- "Rising Commercial and Regulatory Issues in Shipper Contracts for Oil and Gas Transportation on New Infrastructure," *5th Law of Shale Plays Conference*, September 2014.
- "Rising Commercial and Regulatory Issues in Shipper Contracts for Oil and Gas Transportation on New Infrastructure," *Platts Pipeline Development & Expansion Conference*, September 2014.
- "Pipelines for New Energy," *Energy & Infrastructure*, April 2013.