



# ENERGY, REGULATORY & UTILITIES

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## Energy, Regulatory & Utilities

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Attorneys in HBS's Energy, Regulatory and Utilities Practice Group represent clients in sophisticated transactional, regulatory, finance, tax and litigation matters.

### About Our Practice

Our clients include municipal and investor owned utilities, joint action agencies, electric cooperatives, industrial end-users, independent power producers, and natural gas companies. The practice encompasses representation of clients before federal and state regulatory agencies whose actions shape the energy business and other regulated clients including the following:

- Georgia Public Service Commission
- State and Federal Courts including Appeals
- Georgia General Assembly and Congress
- Georgia State Ethics Commission

- Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Georgia Environmental Protection Division
- Georgia Department of Revenue
- One Georgia Authority
- Department of Energy
- Federal Communications Commission
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

HBS attorneys have been long known for our successes before administrative and regulatory agencies. We also regularly undertake those actions in both federal and state jurisdictions that determine the success of our clients. We are often hired as special counsel on appeals of adverse agency or court decisions. In all instances, we seek to ensure that our clients' interests are made known to federal and state policymakers and that our collective actions further all the goals of our clients' businesses.



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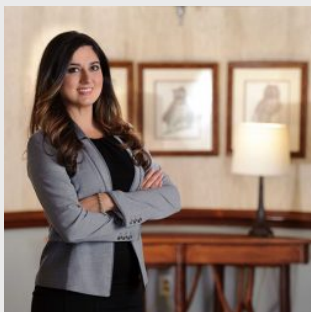


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## Related Industries

## Construction

HBS assists the construction industry in a wide variety of private and public construction projects, including commercial, residential, industrial, and mixed-use properties. In addition to managing risk and defending and asserting liability claims on behalf of clients, we regularly advise on the myriad of issues that arise in the course of planning, managing and completing construction projects. As a full-service law firm, we offer services in construction related fields, such as real estate, litigation, ADR/arbitration, finance, environmental, land use, energy, regulatory, and utilities.

HBS construction attorneys have handled the entire gamut of claims that can be brought in the construction industry, including successfully representing property owners, developers, contractors, subcontractors, architects and engineers, construction managers, suppliers, transportation providers and haulers, individuals, corporations, electric companies, engineering companies, government entities, insurance carriers and sureties regarding construction industry issues.

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## Energy, Utilities and Power Systems

Hall Booth Smith provides comprehensive service, representing energy industry clients in a broad array of matters, including transactions, business operations, regulatory compliance, finance, tax, and litigation challenges.

Representing a wide variety of clients, including owners and developers of energy projects, energy producers, suppliers and consumers, municipal and investor-owned utilities, joint-action agencies, electric cooperatives, industrial end-users, independent power producers, and natural gas companies we help our clients identify and leverage business opportunities, establish and implement long-term strategic business plans, manage risk, assure regulatory compliance, and devise effective solutions to the many challenges arising in their constantly evolving industry.

We offer strategic guidance throughout the life cycle of our clients' businesses, assist with lobby efforts and government relations, and assure that our clients' interests are protected. As national coordinating counsel for a major insurance company on all of its catastrophic electric line contact cases, we are particularly knowledgeable about and adept

## Government & Municipalities

With a team of former and current government leaders , and those actively involved in various areas of government, HBS offers comprehensive representation and advice to those in government, including states, counties, cities, non-profits and other related industries.

Our team members are regarded as among the most influential leaders in the state of Georgia and are repeatedly recognized for their work on behalf of clients in the government arena. Regularly interacting with legislative leaders concerning client needs, we maintain close working relationships with elected officials, appointed officials, and agency staff, enhancing our ability to provide expertise and counsel. Leveraging our connections, regulatory know-how and legal experience, we work with local, county and state government officials to craft good policy and address our clients' legislative, regulatory and legal concerns.

HBS attorneys assist clients with the full range of local, county and state government affairs, regulatory matters, lobbying efforts, and political and campaign finance issues. Understanding the regulatory framework which affects our clients' business operations, we are particularly adept at helping related regulated industries such as utilities, energy and trade associations, telecommunication companies, health care, insurance, local governments, and nonprofit organizations with compliance matters.

at handling insurance issues affecting the industry.

HBS Energy attorneys are members of industry organizations, frequently speak on energy-related issues and regularly monitor legislative, judicial and regulatory developments and industry trends in order to help our clients effectively integrate these changes into their business practices, policies, regulatory compliance efforts and approach to litigation.

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