

For two decades, Tony Braun has provided counsel to California public agencies on all manner of regulatory, commercial, and legislative issues associated with the electric utility industry.

From restructuring of the utility industry, establishment of the California Independent System Operator Corporation, implementation of the new market design, reformation of transmission planning processes, development of resource adequacy requirements, integration of renewables, and formation of the new Energy Imbalance Market, Tony has counseled publicly-owned utilities as they sought to navigate ever-changing new market rules and shape these rules to fit their consumer-owned business model.

Tony routinely participates in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission, CAISO, and California Energy Commission on a wide array of energy policy issues, including:

- Consideration of resource adequacy rules, including possible formation of a Central Capacity Market, load and resource obligations, and CAISO backstop procurement authority.
- Formation of an Energy Imbalance Market – Tony served on the Transitional Committee that developed governance recommendations for the EIM that were adopted by the CAISO Board and was the first Chair of the EIM Regional Issues Forum.
- Efforts to develop new products and establish requirements supporting flexible grid operations needed to integrate renewable resources.

Tony's practice extends beyond strictly California market matters, as he counsels public agency clients on regional reliability matters and assists public and private clients in assessing and developing resources and new load service options as the industry continues to evolve to reflect the growing opportunities for new and cleaner resource deployment.

Prior to founding BB&W, Tony worked in the General Counsel's office of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the law firm of Duncan, Weinberg, Miller & Pembroke, P.C., and the Office of U.S. Senator Paul S. Trible, VA. Tony received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1985 from the University of Virginia and his law degree in 1991 from the College of William and Mary. Tony is a member of the Bars of both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of California.