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"A gifted strategic thinker who both masters the details and keeps an eye on the big picture," says Chambers USA of Jonathan. Other sources report he is "an outstanding writer" and "knowledgeable and personable."

Jonathan is widely recognized for his strategic policy advocacy and extensive experience as an administrative litigator and appellate advocate in the energy industry. He brings over 30 years' experience to provide strategic counseling needed to achieve complex energy regulatory objectives, combining mastery of regulatory law and policy with extensive experience as an administrative litigator and appellate advocate. His intimate knowledge of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Department of Energy, the reliability regime administered by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the role played by relevant state authorities provides a wide angle approach to problem solving and conflict management.

Jonathan counsels clients across the spectrum of electric and natural gas regulation. He advises on a wide array of regulatory issues associated with electric and natural gas utility regulation, market oversight, asset purchase and sale and project development.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Energy
Utilities
Business Litigation
Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
Telecommunications

ADMISSIONS

New York, 1983
Washington, DC, 1999

EDUCATION

Albany Law School of Union University, J.D.,
1982
Colgate University, B.A., Economics, *with
honors*, 1978

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EXPERIENCE

Lead counsel for a large group of investor-owned and municipal utilities in the Northwest Power Pool on organized market development. Successfully advanced related filings at FERC.

Lead counsel for municipal utilities in the Rocky Mountain Region on organized market development.

Lead FERC counsel for a large municipal utility trade association in connection with economic regulatory and security policy.

Successfully structured compliance programs for various electric in response to mandatory reliability standards under Federal Power Act (FPA) section 215.

Counsel in a large number of FPA section 203 filings, and successfully navigated regulatory approval in connection with a hostile utility acquisition.

Successfully counseled electric utilities in implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA).

Counsel to electric utilities and project developers in connection with a large number of disputes under PURPA.

Counsel to a large utility trade association in connection with cybersecurity policy and compliance.

Counsel to large utility trade association in connection with formation and compliance with the White House Cybersecurity Framework.

Lead counsel to a coalition of local distribution companies, natural gas marketers and producers leading to restructuring and functional unbundling of a major natural gas pipeline preceding Order No. 636 and a key player in the structuring and implementation of that order.

Input from clients and peers informs Jonathan's impressive rankings in *Chambers USA*, *Super Lawyers*[®], and *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]. He frequently speaks and writes for industry and trade publications, is President-Elect of the Energy Bar Association (EBA) and serves on EBA's Board of Directors and the Boards of EBA's Charitable Foundation and the *Energy Law Journal*.

RECOGNITIONS

Selected to the 2023 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading U.S. Energy Lawyers guide

Selected for inclusion in Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*[®], Energy & Natural Resources, 2013 - 2017, 2021-2023

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Recognized among America's Leading Lawyers for Business in the area of Energy: Electricity (Regulatory and Litigation) by *Chambers USA*

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], Energy Law, 2010 - 2024

Energy Bar Association, President, 2019-2020

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Washington, DC Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Energy Bar Association

- President, 2019-2020; President Elect, 2018-2019
- Vice President, 2017-2018
- Board of Directors
- Chair of Program Committee, 1996-1997, 1998-1999

Admitted to appear before various federal and state courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court

NEWS

175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.17.2023

Chambers USA 2023 Legal Guide Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups
06.05.2023

Five Attorneys from Stinson's DC Office Recognized by *Super Lawyers* in 2023 Top Lists
04.24.2023

Energy Attorneys Reiter, Schneider Selected to Inaugural *Lawdragon 500* Guide
03.17.2023

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List
08.18.2022

The 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups
06.02.2022

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Stinson Attorneys Named to 2022 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*

05.03.2022

Jonathan Schneider Talks to *The Washington Post* About FERC's Climate Policies

04.27.2022

103 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.19.2021

Chambers USA Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups Nationwide

05.25.2021

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2021 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*

05.05.2021

112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Chambers USA Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups Nationwide

04.29.2020

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2020 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*

04.17.2020

127 Stinson Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*

08.15.2019

Stinson Partners Assume Leadership Roles in the Energy Bar Association

05.29.2019

Chambers USA 2019 Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups

05.07.2019

Jonathan Schneider and Jon Trotta Publish on Electric Grid Resilience in the *Energy Law Journal*

11.27.2018

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Jonathan has lectured on a broad range of energy matters. Some of his more recent talks include:

- "What's All This Talk About Resilience?," American Public Power Association (APPA) Legal & Regulatory Conference, October 2018
- "Federalism's New Friends: States Take the Environmental Lead in the Trump Era," Energy and Environment section 35th Annual National CLE Conference, January 2018

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- "Distributed Solar Power – Revolution or Science Project?" Energy and Environment section of 34th Annual National CLE Conference, January 2017
- "Electricity and Electric Rate Regulation – An Introduction," Energy Bar Association Primer, April 2016
- "21st Century Utilities: The Electric Industry Grapples with Distributed Generation, Portfolio Mandates, Carbon Auctions, Consumer Retrofits, and Customer-Controlled Facilities," National CLE Conference, Vail, CO, January 2016
- "Public & Private Partnerships – Legal & Policy Issues", 10th Annual Homeland Law Security Institute, August 2015
- "Shale Revolution and Its Complications," National CLE Conference, January 2015
- "Getting Serious About Cybersecurity: Fun with the EO, PD DHS, NIST, NERC, ESCC, ES-ISAC, DOE and FERC," American Public Power Association Legal Seminar, Seattle, WA, October 2013
- "An Uneasy Peace; Municipal Utilities in a Changing Regulatory World," American Public Power Association Legal Forum, San Francisco, October 2007
- "Complying with FERC's Market Manipulation Rules," Seminar sponsored by the American Public Power Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 2007
- "What RTO Crisis? FERC and the States Face the Issues," Federal Energy Bar Association December 2003
- "Standard Market Design, RTO Development and What it All Means for the Gas Industry," American Gas Association Annual Regulatory Round-Up, June 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, "What We Talk About When We Talk About Resilience," *Energy Law Journal*, November 2018

"FERC Gets It Right on DOE NOPR," *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, January 2018

"Ted Koppel: Right and Wrong," a review of Ted Koppel's book "Lights Out," *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, January 2017

"What Ted Koppel Gets Right and Wrong about Cybersecurity," a review of Ted Koppel's book "Lights Out," *Energy Law Journal*, November 2016

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