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Edward L. Petrini is a partner in Christian & Barton's Energy and Telecommunications department. He has represented clients on matters involving regulated industries for more than 40 years. Mr. Petrini represents and advises clients regarding the regulation of the electric, gas, water, telecommunications, and insurance industries.

Examples of clients and matters handled by Mr. Petrini include:

Large Industrial and Commercial Users of Utility Services

- Representation of associations of large industrial customers of electric, natural gas, and water utilities in rate and other utility regulatory matters.
- Representation of individual commercial and industrial users of utility services regarding utility regulatory matters.

Energy and Telecommunications Providers and Investors

- Representation of independent power producers seeking regulatory approvals before the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
- Representation before the Virginia State Corporation Commission in matters pertaining to the acquisition and disposition of utilities and utility assets.
- Transactional advice and representation concerning the regulation, acquisition, and disposition of utilities and utility assets.
- Transactional advice concerning the sale of electricity to wholesale and retail customers.
- Representation of telecommunications companies regarding certification, rates and tariffs, reorganization and interconnection.

Builders, Developers and Property Owners

- Representation of builders, developers, and property owners on regulatory matters before the Virginia State Corporation Commission regarding electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and water utilities.
- Representation of individual builders, developers and property owners in negotiations with electric and gas utilities regarding the provision of service.
- Representation concerning the development of an electric cooperative's guidelines for builders and developers regarding the installation of facilities and the provision of service in planned and existing developments.

Governmental Entities and Other Representation

- Advice and representation regarding the construction of electric generation, transmission and distribution facilities.
- Representation in appeals, including appeals to the Virginia Supreme Court, of electricity and telecommunications regulatory orders.
- Representation before the Virginia General Assembly on legislation affecting utility rates.
- Representation and advice concerning insurance licensing and regulation.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

Michigan State University, B.A., with high honor

ADMISSIONS

Virginia
Michigan

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Prior to joining Christian & Barton in 1997, Mr. Petrini served as Senior Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Insurance and Utilities Regulatory Section of the Office of Attorney General of Virginia. In that position, he served two terms as President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, which consists of state offices authorized by law to represent consumers of utility services before state and federal regulators and the courts.
- Mr. Petrini served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Michigan Attorney General's office, where he concentrated on public utility regulatory matters. Mr. Petrini worked for, and represented, nonprofit organizations, primarily on public utility matters, prior to this appointment.

RECOGNITIONS

- ***The Best Lawyers in America***®
Energy Law, 2007-2022
- ***Legal Elite (Virginia Business)***
Legislative/Regulatory/Administrative Law, 2008, 2010

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Petrini has made presentations at numerous seminars and conferences, primarily on public utility regulation.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

• **Virginia State Bar**

Administrative Law Section; Former Chair, Board of Governors

• **Energy Bar Association**

• **Virginia Bar Association Bar**

Administrative Law Section

• **The Bar Association of the City of Richmond**

• **State Bar of Michigan**

Administrative & Regulatory Law Section