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Frank Caro serves his energy and utility industry clients as a partner in meeting their legal challenges, as well as a trusted resource for strategies that are built on his vast experience in business, regulatory and government affairs.

He has been representing clients in the electric, gas and telecommunications industries for more than 30 years, during which time he has assisted in structuring complex business, regulatory and legislative solutions to his clients' most challenging legal problems.

Frank supports clients that are involved in all facets of the energy industry from developers to end-use consumers. His energy clients have included energy producers, oil and gas gathering systems, pipelines, large public utility/energy industry organizations, renewable energy developers, rural electric cooperatives, municipal power, energy marketers, and industrial and commercial users of utility services.

Frank acts as general regulatory counsel to municipal utilities, electric cooperatives and renewable energy developers.

His most recent work involved the acquisition and regulatory approvals and development of a 780-mile 600 kV HVDC electric transmission line extending from Southwest Kansas and into Indiana.

Frank also represents clients before the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) on various matters involving certification proceedings, mergers and acquisitions, rate tariff applications, generic rulemaking proceedings and complaints. He serves as general regulatory counsel for numerous public utilities.

Prior to joining the firm, Frank served as general counsel for the KCC and acted as chief trial counsel in numerous hearings before the KCC, FERC and FCC.

## Capabilities

- Energy
- Infrastructure & Public-Private Partnerships
- Public Utilities & Energy Consumers
- Renewable Energy Project Development
- Technology
- Energy Transactions
- Data Center & Infrastructure

## Education

- Washburn University School of Law (J.D., 1983)

- Assumption College (B.A., 1980)

## Bar Admissions

- Kansas, 1983
- Missouri, 1991

## Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
  - Environment Energy and Resources Section
- Kansas Bar Association
  - Administrative Law Committee
- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Wind Energy Association
- Missouri Energy Initiative
  - Board Chair 2015-present
- Energy Bar Association
  - Midwest Chapter, Founding Member & President, 2005
- Overland Park Rotary Club
  - President, 2011-2012
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Board Member
  - Board Chair 2017-2020
- Sun Partners International (non-profit entity providing solar power facilities to aid health, educational and water resources to third world countries)
  - Founding Board Member

## Recognition

- Named to *Missouri Lawyers Media's* Power List 100, 2024-2025
- Named to *Missouri Lawyers Media's* POWER List for Top Environmental Law Attorneys, 2022-2024
- Recognized by *Lawdragon* as a 500 Leading Energy Lawyer for Energy Regulation, 2023-2024
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Corporate/M&A (Kansas), 2012, 2013
- Selected for *Best Lawyers*® "Lawyer of the Year" for Energy Law in Kansas City, MO, 2022
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Energy Law, 2007-2026
- AV Preeminent Rated Martindale Hubbell
- Kansas Corporation Commission
  - General Counsel, 1987-1991
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- Advanced Regulatory Studies Programs
- Successfully argued *Northwest Central Pipeline Corporation v. Kansas Corporation Commission*, 489 U.S. 493 (1989) before the U.S. Supreme Court, resulting in unanimous decision which reinforced states' regulation over natural gas production.

