

# John W. Leslie

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## Overview

John Leslie is a partner in Dentons' Energy and Climate Change practices, based in San Diego. Mr. Leslie is the managing partner of Dentons' San Diego office.

Mr. Leslie is experienced in energy regulatory litigation, focusing on natural gas and electricity issues. He represents energy producers, consumers and marketing and trading companies in proceedings before state and federal agencies. He addresses barriers to retail market competition and pursues, on his clients' behalf, equal access to utility infrastructure. He assists clients with regulatory compliance. He works with clients to resolve rate and service disputes with the utilities, and challenges utility practices that impede new market entrants. His practice includes advocacy in developing and refining the regulatory structures for renewable energy procurement, alternative resource development, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction compliance. He addresses competitive issues, tariff violations, public policy issues and rate design/cost allocation issues involving natural gas and electric utilities. He counsels energy clients on alternatives to traditional utility service. He negotiates terms of service between unregulated energy companies and utilities, and assists unregulated companies in participating in new energy markets.

## Recognition

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® for Energy Regulatory Law since 2017
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Rating

## Activities and Affiliations

### Memberships

- Conference of California Public Utility Counsel, Board of Directors
- San Diego County Bar Association

- University of San Diego Law School, Energy Policy Initiatives Center, Board of Directors

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Energy

### Industry sectors

- Climate Change Strategies

### Issues and opportunities

- Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Initiative and Think Tank

## Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law, 1980, JD, Order of the Coif
- Gettysburg College, 1977, BA, Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa

## Admissions and qualifications

- California