

## Energy Enforcement Investigations & Disputes

In a high-stakes business like energy, it's crucial to have the right legal counsel before disputes or controversies arise. Michael Best's Energy attorneys help clients minimize the risk of litigation and regulatory enforcement actions — and we know how to zealously defend our clients without fanning the flames of conflict.

We apply our combined litigation skill, energy industry knowledge, and in-depth understanding of agency workings to represent clients in enforcement cases before regulatory agencies, including FERC and the CFTC; in trial and appellate courts; and in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. Our team's deep experience in energy development and regulation gives us the comprehensive perspective needed to negotiate effectively with multiple stakeholders and agencies.

### Experience

Michael Best represents clients throughout the energy sector, and across the nation, in enforcement and litigation matters such as:

- Judicial review of FERC orders in the federal courts of appeal
- Federal preemption challenges to state regulatory authority and state law claims
- Contested rulemaking and ratemaking proceedings
- CFTC and FERC investigations and enforcement actions involving claims of market manipulation, fraud, or abuse
- FERC proceedings under the Federal Power Act; Natural Gas Act; and Natural Gas Policy Act
- Reliability enforcement actions, such as FERC investigations of outages and power disturbances
- Transmission access and pipeline access disputes
- Energy contract disputes of all kinds, including construction, financing, joint operation, asset purchase or sale, interconnection, power purchase, supply, and distribution issues

We also help energy clients resolve other types of issues encountered in their businesses, such as patent litigation, environmental cleanups, trade secret and other business tort disputes, and employment-related claims. As a full-service business law firm, Michael Best has strong practices in these and other areas, and we work in multidisciplinary teams to provide our clients with seamless service.