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“For decades, I have advised energy infrastructure enterprises in acquisitions, divestitures, and regulatory matters.”

Rodger is the former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of a global energy holding company. With more than 40 years of experience in-house and in private practice, he represents small and large clients involved in the production, transmission, distribution, or sale of electricity or natural gas, particularly with respect to all matters of the operation, acquisition, divestiture, and development of energy infrastructure assets. Clients are typically developers or owners of electric power generation, transmission or distribution assets, or pipelines. Rodger was a pioneer in the representation of developers of alternative energy projects of all kinds.

Business & Corporate

- Energy, Infrastructure, & Utilities
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Environmental
- Real Estate
- Tax

Representative Matters

- Represented a national private equity company in connection with serial over-assessment of a power plant for property tax purposes. To date, the client has saved an estimated \$50MM in taxes, a sum which is expected to increase.
- Provided local counsel with respect to several billion dollars in acquisition financing or refinancing of power project funding.
- Represented some of the largest developers of wind energy projects in the U.S. to assemble or

acquire necessary acreage for utility-scale projects in 12 states. In several cases, we were able to cause simultaneous agreement among a major project developer and up to 80 landowners.

- Served as general counsel to an international energy holding company with investments in distribution utilities, non-utility power generation, long-haul pipelines, and oil and gas E&P. In that capacity, we represented the company in the acquisition of more than \$5B of interstate pipeline and power generation projects.

Education

- Detroit College of Law, 1976
 - J.D., *cum laude*
- Wayne State University, 1971
 - B.S., Business Administration, Finance

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section, Vice-chair
 - Electricity Committee
 - Alternative Energy Committee, Vice-chair
 - Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Section
- Michigan Technological University Board of Control, 2001-2008
 - Chair, 2004

Admissions

- Michigan, 1976

Professional Achievements

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2013-2024
 - Troy, Energy Law, "Lawyer of the Year," 2022
 - Detroit, Energy Law, "Lawyer of the Year," 2014
- Michigan *Leading Lawyers*, 2014-2021
- *dbusiness*, "Top Lawyers," 2010; 2012-2014; 2016-2020
- Michigan *Super Lawyers*, 2006; 2011-2012
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating