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Areas of Practice

Government Affairs &
 Public Policy

Renewable & Alternative
 Energy

Education

Georgetown University
 Law Center, J.D., 1985

Tulane University, 1982

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

N. Hunter Johnston

N. Hunter Johnston is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he is a member of the Government Affairs & Public Policy practice group.

Mr. Johnston has represented clients in governmental affairs and legislative matters in Washington, DC for over 25 years. He has extensive experience working with the US House of Representatives and the US Senate. He also retains substantive experience working in his native State of Louisiana, and he has a broad knowledge of Louisiana business and politics. Having worked closely with executive branch agencies of the US Government, as well as having a specific background and familiarity working with the Department of Energy, Department of Treasury, and other agencies, Mr. Johnston is able to guide his clients through a wide range of government affairs issues and legislative matters.

Mr. Johnston also has extensive experience in developing and financing independent energy projects, both domestically and internationally. More recently Mr. Johnston has focused on the development of gasification facilities in the United States. He counsels clients in connection with the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and with the energy provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Mr. Johnston has represented clients before Congress and the Executive Branch since 1986 on matters in the energy, tax, telecommunications, appropriations, defense, transportation, and infrastructure industries.

Noteworthy

- Mr. Johnston was involved with the creation of the New Orleans Jazz National Historic Park and remains actively involved with the support of public radio in New Orleans, among other activities.
- Mr. Johnston is a 1982 graduate of Tulane University and received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985. He was a clerk for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in 1985.

Representative Matters

Energy Project Development

- Represented a client in connection with two advanced fossil energy projects in the Section 1703 Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program.
- Represented a utility in connection with a nuclear energy project in the Section 1703 Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

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- Represented an awarded fossil energy project to secure a Section 48(B) investment tax credit from the Department of Energy and Department of Treasury.
- Represented projects seeking Section 45(Q) carbon capture tax credits.
- Represented an energy project seeking a clarification in federal tax guidance from the Department of Treasury for certain tax exempt bonds.
- Represented an energy company resulting in the award of a \$260 million grant from the Department of Energy pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Represented a renewable energy technology company seeking federal grants, loan guarantees and tax credits.
- Represented an integrated gasification combined cycle project related to federal loan guarantees and incentives.
- Represented a cellulosic ethanol technology company related to Department of Agriculture and Department of Energy loan guarantee and grant programs and renewable fuels credit.
- Represented an energy company regarding the license of an LNG Terminal.
- Represented an international engineering company in connection with FERC regulation of back-up battery storage devices.

Federal Legislative Policy

- Represented local governments resulting in federal appropriations of over a billion dollars in flood control improvements.
- Represented oil companies and utilities regarding energy policy and federal legislation including climate change, EPA regulations and tax policies.
- Represented an international nuclear energy company regarding federal legislation and nuclear energy policy.
- Represented a U.S mining company regarding energy policy and federal legislation.
- Represented a lighting manufacturer regarding efficiency standards, federal legislation and regulatory matters.

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- Represented a state government and its related agencies regarding transportation and infrastructure federal funding opportunities. Representation of a federally recognized tribe before Congress regarding land trust issues.
- Represented a Pacific Island Nation and local landowners concerning land use issues.