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Patrick Black is a member of our natural resources, energy and environmental law group, where he focuses primarily on energy and water regulatory matters. Patrick works with the firm's large commercial developers, industrial clients and data centers to secure power service from the local electric utility providers. This includes helping to negotiate line extension, power supply and ancillary agreements pursuant to applicable tariffs, local and state laws.

Patrick also represents large industrial customers, renewable energy developers and water and wastewater utilities in matters before the Arizona Corporation Commission. He works with commercial and residential developers in securing utility services for end-use customers, including the integration of energy efficiency, clean tech and emerging technology programs to help combat climate change. Patrick represents clients before the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee in the siting of generation and transmission projects throughout the state.

Patrick is currently focused on matters involving the development of wholesale power markets in Arizona, as well as consolidation efforts in the water and wastewater industries to achieve a higher level of quality service for customers in more rural areas of the state.

EDUCATION

J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law

B.S., Santa Clara University

AREAS OF PRACTICE

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Renewable Energy and Clean Tech

Natural Resources

Mining Law

Emerging Businesses & Technologies

Government Relations & Regulatory

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

In the Matter of the Application of Tucson Electric Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Authorizing the Construction of a 138kV Transmission Line and Associated Facility to Serve the Rosemont Copper Project. Docket No. L-00000C-11-0400-00164.

In the Matter of Southern California Edison Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to Construct a 500kv transmission line from Palo Verde to the Devers II substation. Case No. 130 (Docket No. E-00000A-06-0295-00130). Decision No. 69638.

In the Matter of the Proposed Rulemaking for the Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff Rules, Docket No. RE-00000C-05-0030. Decision No. 69127.

In the Matter of the Application of Arizona Public Service Company to Determine the Fair Value of Utility Property of the Company for Ratemaking Purposes, to Fix a Just and Reasonable Rate of Return Thereon, to Approve Rate Schedules Designed to Develop Such Return, and for Approval of a Power Purchase Contract. Docket No. E-01345A-03-0437. Decision No. 67744.

In the Matter of Salt River Project Improvement District, et al., for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to Construct a 500kv transmission line from the Pinal West to Southeast Valley/Browning substations, Docket No. L-00000B-04-0126. Decision No. 68093.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Lawyers in America[®], Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law, Utilities Law, 2013-2027

Top Lawyer – Energy Mining, *Phoenix Magazine*, 2026

Best Lawyers in America[®], Lawyer of the Year, Utilities Law, 2026

Lawyer of the Year, Utilities Law, *Phoenix Business Journal*, 2026

Elite Lawyer, 2026

Fennemore Craig Ranked #1 for Renewable Energy by *Ranking Arizona*, 2015-2016

Arizona's Top Lawyers, *AZ Business Magazine*, 2013

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Featuring, "Supervisors approve franchises for rebuilding older water systems," *ParkerPioneer.net*, May 23, 2022

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, State Bar of Arizona

Member, Arizona Asian American Bar Association 2006-Present (President 2006, Board 2005-2011)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Governor Brewer's Solar Task Force, Transmission Subcommittee

Member, Governor Napolitano's Asian-American Advisory Council

Past Chairman, Thomas Tang Scholarship Committee for the Arizona Asian American Bar Association, 2003-2005

ADMISSIONS

Arizona