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Marty Mattes has more than 40 years' experience focusing on law and policy relevant to the energy, transportation, water, and telecommunications industries, emphasizing regulation of public utilities and agencies by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in an environment of evolving competition.

He represents clients providing or seeking to provide energy, transportation, water, and telecommunications services on a public utility basis, offering services in competition or cooperation with public utilities, taking services from such companies, or affected by their operations.

Marty has particular experience and expertise in matters relating to service costs, rate setting, and operating rules for water, electric, gas, and telecommunications companies, as well as contracting for energy and telecommunications services. He also has extensive experience in CPUC regulation of the safety of passenger carriers, especially light rail transit systems, extension of utility services to new real estate developments, and the application of environmental impact review in the context of utility and transportation projects.

He began his career in public utilities regulation with nearly 10 years on the staff of the CPUC, in successive positions as staff counsel, legal advisor to the CPUC president, administrative law judge, and assistant chief ALJ. He has been in private practice since 1986. Marty has served as President of the California Conference of Public Utility Counsel and is an active member of that group and also of the Federal Communications Bar Association, the Power Association of Northern California, the San Francisco Bar Association, and the International Council of Environmental Law. He is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Come Rain or Come Shine, Conservation is a California Way of Life," Nossaman Drought Solutions Webinar Series, 02.23.2017

Speaker, "Chromium 6 Standard: Too Low, Too High or Just Right?," CLE International's California Water Law Conference, San Diego, CA, 06.12.2014

Speaker, "Transferring Control or Losing Control? An Examination of the CPUC's Section 851 and 854 Approval Practices," California Conference of Public Utilities Counsel 2013 Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA, 10.29.2013

Speaker, "California's New Public Policy Opportunities: Expanded Markets and Funding," 2nd Annual Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Conference, San Francisco, CA, 05.17.2013

Speaker, "Alternative Dispute Resolution at the CPUC: Challenges and Opportunities," California Conference of Public Utilities Counsel MCLE Seminar, 07.01.2009

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "The Hearsay Rule Matters in California PUC Proceedings," *Law 360*, 03.12.2014

Co-Author, "Biomethane Rising: California Policies Open the Gate to Electricity and Natural Gas Markets," *Fortnightly's Spark*, 11.27.2013

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Energy Law and Administrative/Regulatory Law, 1991-2023

Selected to the Super Lawyers list for 2006-2010

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COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

Conference of California Public Utility Counsel

Power Association of Northern California

California Water Association

American Public Communications Council

Federal Communications Bar Association

Federal Energy Bar Association

International Council of Environmental Law

PRACTICES

Government Relations & Regulation

Water Law

Water Utility Regulation

Climate Change & Resiliency

Environment & Land Use

INDUSTRIES

Energy & Utilities

Water

Telecommunications

Transportation

Public Utilities Regulation

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, J.D., 1974

Stanford University, B.A., 1968

ADMISSIONS

California

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California