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With more than 30 years of experience, George Billinson focuses his practice on complex energy and commodities litigation, as well as regulatory and antitrust matters. George represents and counsels electric and natural gas utilities, natural gas producers, and gas and power marketers in a range of U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") compliance and enforcement matters, including investigations, audits, and litigation. He also performs compliance assessments and helps clients develop and implement compliance programs that avoid regulatory violations.

Prior to returning to private practice in 2005, George served as a FERC enforcement attorney. In that role, he led compliance investigations, provided legal support to audit staff on high-profile audits, and regularly briefed commissioners and senior staff on compliance and enforcement issues. He also participated in joint investigations with the CFTC.

Prior to his tenure at FERC, George served as general counsel of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("BGE"), a subsidiary of Constellation Energy, where he managed all legal and regulatory measures impacting the utility's operations, including issues related to the FERC and the Maryland Public Service Commission. George was also involved in electric rate proceedings, utility restructuring initiatives, and the development of standards of conduct for Constellation Energy's utility and nonutility subsidiaries. He headed the trial team that secured the company's restructuring settlement, which included the recovery of one billion dollars (pretax) in stranded costs. As a member of BGE's Executive Leadership Team, George was involved in strategic planning, analyzing potential business opportunities, and analyzing and implementing efficiency/cost-cutting measures.

During law school, George was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as the notes editor for the *Syracuse Law Review*.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. Circuit Court - District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Energy Bar Association

Education

- Boston University, BA
- Syracuse University College of Law, JD, magna cum laude

Recognitions

- 2018–2021, Energy Law in Washington, D.C., listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2013–2015, 2017, listed in *The Legal 500 United States*

Professional Activities

George is an active member of the American Bar Association ("ABA") where he formerly served as vice-chair of the Gas and Electricity Marketing Committee of the ABA's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and the Energy Bar Association where he formerly served as chair of the FERC Regulatory Committee.