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Joe Karp is a partner in the Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental Practice Group in the firm's San Francisco office.

Areas of Practice

Joe regularly represents industry participants in regulatory proceedings affecting natural gas transportation services. He has worked extensively with gas-fired generators in California. He handles natural gas and electricity issues in the United States, represents municipal entities in wholesale electricity purchase transactions, and represents electricity generators in connection with electricity sales, fuel supply, interconnection, transmission and other areas. He has worked on issues involving separate companies that must share a single pipeline. Joe represents developers and power purchasers in matters involving wind, solar, biomass, landfill gas, geothermal and other technologies. He regularly represents renewable and natural gas fired generators and investor-owned water utilities in regulatory proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Honors

Leading Energy Lawyer, *Lawdragon 500*, 2024-2025

Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*, 2023, 2025

The Best Lawyers in America® for Energy Law, 2006-2026

The Best Lawyers in America® for Utilities Law, 2022-2026

Lawdragon's 500 Leading U.S. Energy Lawyers, 2023-2025

Lawdragon's 500 Leading Environmental & Energy Lawyers, 2021

Chambers USA State Regulatory & Litigation - California, 2012-2023, 2025, and nationally in Projects, 2012-2017, 2022-2025

The Legal 500 U.S. recognized for regulatory work in energy transactions: conventional power; energy litigation: conventional power; energy: renewable/alternative, 2016-2018, 2021, 2023; and energy: regulatory, 2016, 2021

Chambers Global leading individual in renewables and alternative energy projects, 2010-2012, 2023-2025

Profiled in the *Daily Journal's* first ever list of the top 25 clean tech lawyers, 2011

In providing outstanding service to the electric and gas industry, *Public Utilities Fortnightly* named Joe one of "Fortnightly's Top Utility Lawyers of 2011"

San Francisco Chronicle's "Top Attorneys of 2011"

Daily Journal's "Top 100 Lawyers" in California, 2007

Media Mentions

Sheppard Mullin Adds 4-Partner Energy Team In Calif.

Law360, 04.19.2022

Memberships

American Bar Association's Energy and Natural Resource Section

Practices

Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental

Water

Industries

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Education

J.D., Harvard University, 1989, *cum laude*

B.A., Binghamton University, 1986