



Richard J. Johnson

Attorney

150 South Fifth Street
Suite 1200
Minneapolis, MN 55402

612-877-5275
Rick.Johnson@lawmoss.com

PRACTICE AREAS: Energy and Public Utilities, Communications

In four decades of representing regulated businesses, Rick has individually or jointly represented electric and gas utilities and telephone companies in numerous state and federal regulatory matters, including rulemakings, contested cases, earnings and service investigations and applications, sale and acquisition approvals, and over 30 rate cases, along with appeals and litigation of rate-related disputes. His experience includes strategic planning and negotiation as well as documentation of joint ventures, mergers, sales, and acquisitions.

Rick's services include:

Regulatory Matters

- Numerous presentations of return on equity (ROE) for electric and gas utilities
- Demonstrations of capital structures, including divisional and stand-alone subsidiaries
- Defense of debt allocations of utility following formation of holding company
- Defense of stand-alone income taxes against proposed consolidated tax adjustments
- Defenses of costs of employee compensation, including incentive compensation
- Approvals of sales and acquisitions of regulated entities without adjustment for good will
- Representations of service providers in service area and service rights disputes
- Representation of utilities in PURPA disputes
- Defense of wind generation facility against operating complaints
- Defenses of service quality investigations
- Applications for certification of statewide service networks
- Defenses of challenged ETC certifications
- Representations of service providers in numerous federal and state rulemakings

Appeals and Litigation

- Appeals of rate case decisions
- Federal litigation of rate related matters

Joint Ventures, Mergers, and Acquisitions

- Evaluation, negotiation, and documentation of acquisitions and sales of multiple telecommunication companies
- Formation of multiple joint ventures, including fiber networks and telco/electric broadband joint ventures

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, B.S., Business Administration

Admissions

Minnesota

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America (1995-present)

The Best Lawyers in America, "Lawyer of the Year," Administrative/Regulatory Law, Minneapolis (2012)

News

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for 2024
08.17.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, and *Best Lawyers "Lawyers of the Year"* for 2023
The Best Lawyers in America, 08.18.2022

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2022
The Best Lawyers in America, 08.19.2021

Fifteen Moss & Barnett Lawyers Named to 2021 *Best Lawyers*® List
The Best Lawyers in America, 08.20.2020

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America"
for 2020
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.15.2019

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America"
for 2019
08.15.2018

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America"
for 2018
08.15.2017

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America"
for 2017
08.15.2016

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America"
for 2015
08.18.2014

Speaking Engagements

Moss & Barnett is Silver Sponsor of the 2018 MTA Annual Convention
2018 Minnesota Telecom Alliance Annual Convention and Trade Show, Hyatt Regency Minneapolis,
1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN, 03.26.2018

Professional Associations

Federal Communications Bar Association

American Bar Association

Minnesota State Bar Association

Hennepin County Bar Association

Minnesota Telecom Alliance