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EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1984)
- Marquette University (B.A., 1981)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan
- U.S. Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

EXPERIENCE

For nearly 30 years, Thomas J. Waters has represented independent energy producers and facilities throughout the state of Michigan. These companies include: hydro-electric facilities, landfill gas fueled generation facilities, natural gas fueled generation facilities, wind projects, biomass projects, coal fired projects, and mixed fuel projects.

Uniquely, Tom contracted, permitted and built two of his own diesel fuel fired electric-generating plants that generated peaking power for a Michigan utility. In July of 2000, the Mackinac Island city council and mayor contacted Tom to contract, permit, and build a generating station to provide electricity to the island during a wide-spread power outage, which lasted more than one month.

Tom's work often takes him before the Michigan Public Service Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. In his energy law practice, Tom represents only independent power producers. He does not counsel or represent utilities.

In addition to contracting and permitting electric-generating facilities for independent power producers, Tom counsels clients as they negotiate complex transactions, many of which involve legal issues relating to the generation of electricity or environmental law.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- AV© peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell
 - Law Clerk, Honorable R. James Harvey, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (1984-1986)
 - Articles Editor, Notre Dame Journal of Legislation
 - Listed in Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys
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