



MARCUS DELEON

- Energy regulatory counsel with twelve years of experience advising upstream and midstream clients on FERC, PHMSA, and Railroad Commission of Texas matters. Day-to-day point of contact for three operating clients on permitting, tariff filings, and enforcement defense.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Counsel, Energy Regulatory, Houston, TX, Prine & Caldera LLP**
March 2020 – Present
 - Serve as lead regulatory counsel for an interstate natural gas pipeline operator across roughly 1,400 miles of system, advising on Section 4 and Section 7 filings.
 - Negotiated a PHMSA consent agreement that reduced a proposed civil penalty from \$2.7M to \$410K and removed two of four corrective action items.
 - Coordinate a four-lawyer team on rate case preparation, including cost-of-service analysis with outside economists.
 - Built and lead the firm's pipeline safety practice subgroup; group billings have grown over the past three years.
 - Author the firm's monthly FERC update, which reaches around 1,100 in-house counsel and trade group subscribers.
- **Senior Associate, Prine & Caldera LLP, Houston, TX**
March 2015 – June 2019
 - Drafted protests, answers, and rehearing requests in seven FERC dockets.
 - Advised on permitting strategy for two greenfield compressor stations, including NEPA review coordination.
 - Took over day-to-day client management for a midstream operator during a partner's medical leave; client renewed and expanded its engagement.
 - Second-chaired oral argument before the D.C. Circuit on a pipeline certificate challenge.

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EDUCATION

J.D.
University of Texas School of Law
March 2013

B.A.
Government, University of Texas at Austin,
with high honors
June 2010

KEY SKILLS

- Admissions: Texas (2013), District of Columbia (2016), D.C. Circuit, Fifth Circuit
- Practice areas: FERC regulation, PHMSA pipeline safety, RRC permitting, NEPA, enforcement defense
- Industry: natural gas pipelines, midstream gathering, LNG export terminals
- Speaking: panelist at INGAA Pipeline Safety Conference (2022, 2024)