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Thomas M. Cooley Law School,
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Paul M. Collins

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Paul M. Collins specializes in energy and environmental law. Paul uses his knowledge and experience to help manufacturers, energy companies and other organizations operating in heavily regulated areas identify compliance solutions and risk management and investment recovery strategies that are tailored to fit each client's unique needs and circumstances.

Paul routinely represents electric and natural gas utilities before the Michigan Public Service Commission. He has also addressed air, water and waste issues under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response Claim Liability Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and their state/local counterparts.

Paul has represented electric utilities in proceedings before courts and administrative agencies involving emission trading credits and greenhouse gases. He routinely represents natural gas and electric utility clients, as well as gas and electric transmission companies in a variety of proceedings before the Michigan Public Service Commission. Paul's institutional knowledge of state and federal environmental programs and experience with utility rate regulations allows him to provide unique insight into the cost recovery implications of environmental law and vice versa.

Paul is a licensed professional engineer with extensive experience with the federal Clean Air Act and related regulations. During his previous experience with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Paul served the primary author of many of the state's construction and operating permit regulations.