

Bracewell Adds Energy Pro From Dentons In DC

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Law360 (June 4, 2024, 3:50 PM EDT) -- Even before becoming an attorney and government affairs professional specializing in the energy and environmental sectors, Andrew Shaw was interested in environmental issues.

While attending Tulane University, Shaw worked for a variety of nonprofits before heading to Washington, D.C., to work for then-Rep. Dennis Moore, D-Kansas, where he advised on environmental, transportation and air issues, Shaw told Law360 Pulse in a Tuesday interview.

"After undergrad, I had the good fortune of being able to come to D.C. and work on policy issues on the Hill," Shaw said. "When I went to law school, it was always with an eye to hopefully come back to D.C. and work on environmental and energy issues."

Shaw did make his way back to Washington after graduating from the University of Kansas School of Law, including a nine-year stint at Dentons, where he was a member of its public policy department.

Now, Shaw has joined Bracewell LLP as a partner in the firm's policy resolution group.

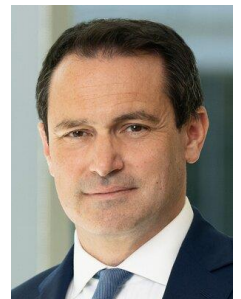
"I got that opportunity, and I feel excited and enthused to join the Bracewell team given their leading reputation for the work they do on energy and environmental legal and policy issues," Shaw said.

Shaw added that joining Bracewell is an exciting opportunity to continue to help clients in the space and to be able to offer and provide a whole range of solutions.

In his practice, Shaw said he works with and helps energy companies across the industry engage with the federal government, including Congress, but also executive agencies such as the U.S. Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and others.

He also advises clients on a range of issues, such as the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Clean Air Act regulations, climate change mitigation and adaptation, clean and renewable energy incentives, nuclear power and more, according to his firm biography.

"Andrew is an outstanding advocate for his clients on a wide variety of energy transition issues and policies," Bracewell managing partner Gregory M. Bopp said in a statement. "He brings valuable experience lobbying Congress and various federal agencies, and we are excited to have him join our



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award-winning policy resolution group in Washington, D.C."

E. Dee Martin, who co-chairs Bracewell's policy resolution group alongside Scott H. Segal, added that energy and climate policies are changing rapidly and that Shaw's public policy experience aligns with the firm's government relations and strategic communications practices.

Shaw told Law360 Pulse that his clients are currently seeing challenges in a few different buckets.

"I think anybody in the energy industry — irrespective of whether it's renewables, nuclear, oil and gas — they're all facing permitting challenges at the state, local and federal level," Shaw said.

The second big challenge, according to Shaw, is the political uncertainty as the nation heads into the November election.

"I think, irrespective of the results of the election, there will be uncertainty and different challenges and opportunities for clients," Shaw said. "The election and what it means ... we get quite a bit from clients as they look to invest and ratchet up operations."

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