



## Michael G. Oliva

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Michael Oliva assists domestic and international corporations with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and other complex business transactions. He has over 40 years of experience in administrative and regulatory law before both state and federal agencies and appellate courts, involving gas and electric energy, pipelines, telecommunications and securities.

Michael graduated in 1978 with his law degree *cum laude* from the University of Michigan. Prior to that, he earned his B.A. *summa cum laude* in 1975 from Albion College.

Michael has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Administrative / Regulatory Law and Energy Law, since 2012. He was selected as the 2019 *Lawyer of the Year* for Energy Law. He is also listed as AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell in Administrative Law, Energy Law and Utility Law, and is a Leading Lawyer in Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying and Administrative Law.

### MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

#### Legal Affiliations

- American Bar Association:
  - Member:
    - Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section
    - Public Utility, Communication and Transportation Law Section
- State Bar of Michigan:
  - Member:
    - Administrative and Regulatory Law Section
- Ingham County Bar Association
  - Member
- Meridian Township Assessing Board of Review

### PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative Law  
Business & Tax  
Energy, Oil & Gas Law  
International Business & Trade  
Telecommunications

### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School,  
J.D. *cum laude*, 1978  
Albion College, B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1975

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan  
U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals  
D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

*Best Lawyers in America*,  
Administrative/Regulatory Law and  
Energy Law, (2012-2023)  
*Best Lawyers in America*, "Lawyer of  
the Year" Lansing, Energy Law, 2019  
*Michigan Super Lawyers*, Energy &  
Natural Resources Law,  
Administrative Law, Utilities  
(2020-2023)  
*Leading Lawyers*, (2016-2023)



- Past Chairman, (2000-2006)

**Community Affiliations**

- Albion College Fellows
  - Member
- Phi Beta Kappa
  - Member
- Michigan State Bar Foundation
  - Fellow