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Snapper Carr, Partner and General Counsel at Focused Advocacy

Snapper Carr joined Focused Advocacy in 2010 to establish the firm's lobby practice and local government advocacy group. His primary focus is representing the needs of local governments before the Texas Legislature. From 2006 to 2010, Carr founded and managed a local government practice for HillCo Partners, representing dozens of cities before the Legislature. Previously, Carr served as the Legislative Counsel and Associate for the Texas Municipal League (TML) from 1998 to 2006, representing municipal interests before state and federal legislative, administrative and judicial bodies. At TML, Carr earned a reputation as an expert in the fields of land usage, utilities, military and water issues. From 1994 to 1998, Carr served as the committee clerk for two Texas House committees — the Committee on State Affairs and the Committee on Land and Resource Management. Carr is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Government and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the UT School of Law.

Cathy Cunningham, Senior Specialist Legal Editor, Thomson Reuter

Cathy Cunningham is a TCCFUI Board member and has been part of TCCFUI from the beginning. She has worked as an in-house attorney for a city, in a law firm representing cities, and now writing about cities and testing AI for cities. But no matter where she goes, she cannot escape utility issues.

R.A. "Jake" Dyer, Policy Analyst, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, PC

Policy Analyst R.A. "Jake" Dyer, a former newspaper reporter, has spent 30 years writing about Texas regulatory matters, municipal governance, and state politics. He also has authored various energy-related policy reports, including book-length histories of Texas electric deregulation and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power grid.

David Johnson, TCCFUI Chair, Assistant City Attorney, City of Arlington

David Johnson is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Arlington, where he has served since 2008. His practice focuses on utilities, telecommunications, ethics, open meetings, elections, and boards and commissions. He serves as the Chair of TCCFUI and as the Treasurer of the Oncor and Atmos Cities Steering Committees. He has also been designated as an International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) Local Government Fellow and serves on the IMLA Municipal Lawyer Magazine Articles Subcommittee. He has been a past presenter for TCCFUI, IMLA, and the Texas City Attorneys Association. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Texas A&M University and his Juris Doctor from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (now Texas A&M University School of Law).

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Jack Klug, Associate Attorney, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, PC

Jack Klug is an Associate Attorney in the Energy and Utility Practice Group at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend. Jack's focus is primarily on administrative law in the area of public utility regulation, and electric, water, and gas ratemaking proceedings. Jack represents municipalities and utilities before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Railroad Commission of Texas, and the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Jack graduated from Tulane University Law School in 2019 and received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2015. He also received an LLM in Taxation from New York University School of Law in 2021.

Gerard "Gerry" Lavery Lederer, Best Best & Krieger LLP

Best Best & Krieger LLP Partner Gerard Lavery Lederer advocates for public and private property owners regarding issues of law and policy arising from federal and state communications legislation and regulation. Gerry serves as legislative counsel and lead Washington advocate for TeleCommUnity, a collection of local governments, including TCCFUI member cities, that are dedicated to ensuring respect for local rights in federal legislative and regulatory activity. He has also led numerous FCC coalitions of local governments on cable and wireless regulations.

Since arriving in Washington, D.C. in 1985 as the City of Philadelphia's Washington advocate, Gerry has served as Washington legislative counsel to a number of local governments and agencies, including as lead advocate for local governments on infrastructure issues and as general counsel of the United States Conference of Mayors. He has also served as executive director of advocacy and research advancement for the Building Owners and Managers Association, International and executive director of government affairs for the United States Telephone Association. Prior to his career in Washington, he served as the chief deputy city commissioner for the City of Philadelphia. This position oversees the city's voter registration and election day. He is a member of the Federal Communications Bar Association, the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). He was the 2011 NATOA Member of the Year, the Outstanding Associate Member of the IMLA in 2020, and IMLA's Advocate and Educator award in 2024. Gerry has been selected among The Best Lawyers in America® for Communications Law for seven years straight.

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Roslyn Warner, Principal, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, PC

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