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"The business of practicing law is always interesting. The computer has vastly changed the way that law is practiced. But I still believe in regular face-to-face communication with clients. There is no substitute for direct, personal relationships."

Harold LeVander focuses his practice on public utilities, cooperative, corporate and labor law. He represents primarily electric cooperative utilities on regulatory matters before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. He has given numerous presentations at Minnesota and national legal seminars on utility law.

Practice Areas

- [Energy Law](#)
 - Public Utilities Law
 - Cooperatives
 - Representation at Regulatory Proceedings
- [Corporate Law](#)
- [Labor Law](#)
- [Appellate Law](#)

Industry Specialties

- Electric Cooperatives

Representative Cases

Regulatory Proceedings

- *Red River Electric Cooperative Association v. City of Moorhead* (Service Territory Acquisition, District Court, 2008)
- *Cooperative Light & Power v. City of Two Harbors* (Service Territory Acquisition, District Court, 2006)
- *Lake Region Electric Cooperative v. Otter Tail Power Company* (Service to Ethanol Plant, MPUC, 2006)
- *Red River Electric Cooperative Association v. City of Moorhead* (Service Territory Acquisition, District Court, 2006)
- *Redwood Electric Cooperative v. City of Redwood Falls* (Service Territory Acquisition, MPUC, 2005)
- *City of Buffalo v. Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association* (Service Territory Acquisition, MPUC, 2003)
- *Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission v. Lake Country Power* (Service Territory Acquisition, MPUC, 2003)
- *BENCO v. City of Lake Crystal* (Service Territory Dispute, MPUC, 2002)
- *Energy Cents Coalition v. Beltrami Electric Cooperative* (Customer Service Rules, MPUC, 2002)
- *Nobles Cooperative Electric v. Missouri River Energy Systems* (Wind Turbine Service, MPUC, 2002)
- *In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Fibrominn LLC for 50MW of Biomass Power* (Renewable Energy Service, MPUC, 2001)
- *In Re: Minnesota Valley Cooperative Power & Light* (Net Energy Billing, MPUC, 1999)

- *People's Cooperative Power Association v. City of Rochester* (Service Territory Acquisition, MPUC, 1990)
- *Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative v. City of Shakopee* (Service Territory Acquisition, MPUC, 1989)
- *City of White Bear Lake v. Anoka Electric Cooperative* (Service Territory Dispute, MPUC, 1988)
- *Renville-Sibley Cooperative v. City of Olivia* (Service Territory Acquisition, MPUC, 1985)

Appellate Experience:

- *Redwood Electric Cooperative v. City of Redwood Falls*, 756 N.W.2d 133 (Minn. Ct. App. 2008)
- *Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association v. City of Buffalo*, unpublished opinion, May 13, 2008 (Minn. Ct. App.)
- *City of Buffalo v. Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association*, A05-1410, an unpublished opinion, May 9, 2006 (Minn. Ct. App.)
- *Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission v. Lake Country Power*, 731 N.W.2d 866 (Minn. App. 2006)
- *Northern States Power v. Oakdale*, 588 N.W.2d 534 (1999) (Amicus Brief on use of public roads)
- *Miller-Lagro v. Northern States Power*, 582 N.W.2d 550 (1998) (Amicus Brief on right-of-way maintenance)
- *In the Matter of the Complaint Regarding the Annexation of a Portion of the Service Territory of People's Cooperative Power Association by the City of Rochester (North Park Additions)*, 470 N.W.2d 525 (Minn. Ct. App. 1991)
- *In the Matter of the Complaint by Kandiyohi Cooperative Electric Power Association against Willmar Municipal Utilities Commission for Extending Electric Facilities in and Adjacent to Westwind Estates*, 455 N.W.2d 102 (Minn. Ct. App. 1990)
- *White Bear Lake v. Anoka Electric Cooperative*, 443 N.W.2d 204 (1989)
- *Complaint by Kandiyohi Cooperative Electric Power Association v. Willmar Municipal Utilities Commission* (1988); *City of Willmar v. Kandiyohi Cooperative Electric Power Association* (1989) (Service Territory Matter)
- *Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative v. City of Shakopee*, 303 N.W.2d 58 (Minn. S. Ct. 1981)

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1965
- B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College, *magna cum laude*, 1962

Bar Admission

- State of Minnesota, 1965
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 1967

Professional Certifications, Awards and Designations

- SuperLawyer®, Minnesota Law & Politics
- Who's Who in America
- Regional Award for Outstanding Service, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Rated [AV](#) (highest rating) by Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Ramsey County, Minnesota State and American Bar Associations (Public Utility Sections), Member
- Dakota County Bar Association, President
- Regional Award for Outstanding Service, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Electric Cooperative Bar Association (700 attorneys representing electric cooperative utilities), Board Member and Vice President

Speaking Engagements

- Conducted and spoken at over 20 seminars for Minnesota attorneys who represent electric utility cooperatives on the following subjects:
 - Director Fiduciary Duties
 - Distributed Generation
 - Diversified Businesses
 - Electronic Voting
 - General Easement Law
 - Governance

- Minnesota Alcohol/Drug Testing Law
- Mortgage Registration Tax
- Patronage Capital Allocations
- Sales/Use Tax Audits
- Utility Service Standards/Practices
- Lecturer at national legal seminars sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association at various locations across the United States on the topics such as Anti-Trust Liability, Service Territory Laws, Emerging Roles of Boards of Directors and Utility Easements.

Community Activities

- American Red Cross Harriman Award (highest national award for volunteer service)

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