McGuireWoods partner Leonard Marsico is head of the firm’s coal industry team and former chair of its Complex Commercial Litigation Department.

Leonard advises coal and other energy producers, coal transporters, utilities and service providers to the coal industry, as well as publicly traded manufacturers, financial institutions, communications providers and corporate holding companies, and large family and trust-owned entities. He represents clients in commercial litigation involving energy, transactional, securities, corporate control and general corporate matters, and has litigated actions and arbitrations on behalf of clients in more than 30 states and before several foreign arbitration tribunals.

Leonard is among a small cadre of lawyers nationally who regularly arbitrate high-stakes fuel price redetermination matters. His practice also includes cases involving the enforcement of long-term supply agreements, acquisition and divestiture agreements, the interpretation of insurance contracts providing coverage for business and industrial hazards, class action securities claims and general commercial litigation.

Leonard is a vice president of the American Coal Council, a role in which he advises the organization on testimony before congressional hearings and regulatory agencies and on litigation that could affect the industry. The National Law Journal named him to its 2016 list of Energy and Environmental Trailblazers, honoring lawyers who influence change in the energy industry through innovative legal strategies.

Leonard has served on the advisory board of the Little Sisters of the Poor for over 15 years and acts as a hearing officer for attorney discipline cases in Pennsylvania. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Virginia.

McGuireWoods provides legal services to the firm’s large and growing group of coal industry clients around the globe. For decades, the firm has represented some of the largest coal consumers, producers and transporters in the U.S., as well as in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America.

The firm’s lawyers are adept at addressing the unique issues faced by the coal industry — long-term supply contracting; transportation arrangements; contract compliance; force majeure declarations; price redeterminations; environmental compliance; labor relations; governmental regulation; surety and bonding; reclamation; royalties; permitting; reserve acquisition and sale; and merchant trading.

Len Marsico is a brand new member of the NCC, appointed by Secretary Perry in August 2017. He brings to the NCC years of experience and expertise in legal aspects of coal production, transportation and consumption. Welcome aboard, Len!