



Adrienne Clair

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PRACTICES

- Regulatory

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University, J.D., 1996
- Hampton University, B.A., Mass Media Arts, cum laude, 1992

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- US Ct Appeals, 3rd Circuit (Covers DE, NJ, PA, Virgin Islands)
- US Ct Appeals, DC Circuit

AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Blacks in Energy, Secretary, D.C. Chapter, 2017
- American Bar Association, American Bar Foundation Life Fellow
- Electric Cooperative Bar Association, Advisory Board member, Vice-Chair 2023-2024
- Energy Bar Association, Past President, 2013-2014, Board Member, 2007-2016
- Women's Bar Association of D.C., Energy Forum Founding Co-Chair

Adrienne represents clients in electric and natural gas pipeline matters, and counsels on compliance and enforcement.

Adrienne serves on Thompson Coburn's Management and Executive Committees.

Adrienne represents primarily cooperative and municipal utilities in applications, litigation, and rulemaking proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) markets for energy and capacity, transmission planning and cost allocation, and related transactions and proceedings involving natural gas pipeline rates and services. She counsels clients in compliance matters, including FERC enforcement actions and audit of existing compliance programs.

Adrienne has litigated numerous proceedings before FERC, including electric cooperative wholesale power contract and rate design issues, reactive power revenue requirements, mergers, and transmission formula rate and cost recovery matters. She assists clients in obtaining market-based rate authority and complying with related reporting requirements.

As part of her FERC practice, Adrienne also represents clients in appellate proceedings. She also practices before the D.C. Public Service Commission in certain electric utility and natural gas local distribution company matters.

Experience

• Representative Matters

Represents generation and transmission cooperative utilities in the PJM Interconnection, LLC, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, and Southwest Power Pool regions on issues including capacity market design and accommodation of load-serving entities, litigation regarding formula rates, transmission planning and cost allocation, general electric and natural gas rate proceedings, and general rulemaking proceedings before the FERC.

Successfully litigated proceedings regarding corporate reorganization under Federal Power Act Section 203.

Represents a municipal utility and a group of local distribution companies in natural gas pipeline rate and tariff proceedings before the

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2016-Present
- Stinson Leonard Street LLP Partner, 2001-2016
- Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand Associate, 1998-2001
- Van Ness Feldman Associate, 1997-1998
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Energy Attorney Advisor/Law Clerk to Administrative Law Judges, 1996-1997

COMMUNITY

- Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Pro bono counsel to litigants before the Social Security Administration
- Captain, Komen Race for the Cure team, 2001-Present

FERC.

Represents trade associations for municipal and cooperative utilities in select rulemaking and market design proceedings.

Represented the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia in the merger of Washington Gas and Altgas, as well as Washington Gas' Accelerated pipeline replacement and Pepco rate matters.

Recognitions

- Listed, Lawdragon's 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, 2023-2024
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings) for Energy Law and Energy Regulatory Law, 2012-2015; 2017-2024
 - Named Lawyer of the Year for Energy Regulatory Law by The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2021, 2024
- Ranked in Chambers USA (by Chambers and Partners) for Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) 2010-2023
- Listed in Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters) for Energy and Natural Resources, 2012-2020

Presentations

- New Generation in the Valley, The Basics of Generator Interconnection Agreements, TVPPA Legal Seminar, February 2023
- Transmission Planning Initiatives and You, APPA Legal and Regulatory Conference, November 2022
- A New Day for Distributed Energy Resources: FERC's Order No. 2222, G&T Accounting and Finance Association Annual Conference, June 2022
- "Transmission Planning at FERC: Toward a Customers' Bill of Rights"; APPA Legal and Regulatory Conference, October 2017
- "Trends in Transmission Policies and Rates: Up, Up and Away?" NRECA G&T Legal Seminar, November 2016
- "Getting to Point B: Trends in Federal Transmission Policy and Rates, and Drivers of the Transmission Boom"; G&T Accounting and Finance Association Annual Conference, June 2016
- Panelist, "Keeping the Lights On: Challenges Facing the Energy Industry"; International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation Fall Conference, September 2015

Publications

"Prepared the 2021 update to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Title II Compliance Manual, for the American Public Power Association, Edison Electric Institute and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association"; 2021

