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EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, L.L.M., Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, 2006
- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 2004
- Kenyon College, B.A., Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2001

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- American Public Power Association
- Energy Bar Association
- Women's Council on Energy and the Environment

Nicole is a seasoned legal advisor focusing on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulatory and policy matters on behalf of electric cooperatives, natural gas companies, and local distribution companies.

She guides clients through the ever-changing regulatory landscape at FERC, drawing on over a decade of experience with market-based rate regulation, open access transmission tariffs, regional transmission organization issues, generation and transmission interconnection procedures, mergers and facility acquisitions and natural gas transportation and service issues. Recognizing that each client has unique requirements and varying comfort levels with FERC processes, Nicole emphasizes collaboration, working closely with each client to develop a regulatory strategy tailored to their business goals.

With Nicole's guidance, clients facing proceedings before FERC know they have a trusted advisor dedicated to achieving their regulatory objectives and ensuring compliance.

Experience

• Representative Matters

Assisted client with FERC regulations, requirements and filings related to the establishment of a new affiliated entity, including the transfer of transmission facility ownership and the drafting and filing of various contracts and related power purchase agreements

Successfully guided client through Section 203 merger process including the transfer of 15 hydroelectric project licenses

Successfully guided client through Section 203 merger process involving acquisition of an electric generation facility and negotiation of a comprehensive uncontested settlement

Assisted broad industry group in drafting and filing comments on FERC rulemaking proceeding concerning changes to the small generator interconnection procedures

Advises and assists a group of natural gas clients in all aspects of FERC litigation defending against substantial pipeline rate increases and proposed system restructuring

Successfully protested on behalf of captive customer clients regarding a proposed pipeline abandonment of natural gas transportation facilities

Recognitions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (by BL Rankings), 2021-2024
- Heroes of Child Justice Award (by Child Justice, Inc.), 2016

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