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MY SERVICES

Energy
Regulatory
Appellate

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976
Wesleyan University, BA, Psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1972
Phi Beta Kappa, Board of Trustees

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1976
U.S. District Court District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals D.C. Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
The Supreme Court of the United States

Many years of practice under continuously shifting market conditions have trained me to be agile, and to help my clients to be so as well.

overview

Bonnie Blair advises and advocates for clients on wholesale electric market rules, transmission access, and pricing issues. One current focus is issues relating to the California Independent System Operator Corporation, known as CAISO, which runs the transmission system and electric markets for California—and, in terms of the real-time markets, a much broader area of the West.

With almost 50 years of experience representing municipal electric systems, Bonnie has covered a wide range of electric industry issues, including market design for Independent System Operators, compliance with market conduct rules, transmission rates and policy, interconnection, and power resource transactions. While her clients' fundamental mission has remained the same—providing electricity as reliably and economically as possible while supporting environmental policy objectives—the challenges to achieving those goals have become increasingly complex. Bonnie's years of experience have provided her with a valuable bigger-picture view.

Bonnie advocates before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and U.S. Courts of Appeals and in ISO/RTO stakeholder proceedings. She also participates in transactional negotiations and alternative dispute resolution processes. Clients value her focus on pragmatic solutions and her assertive but collegial style.

experience

- Representing a group of municipal electric systems in Southern California on issues relating to the California Independent System Operator Corporation in stakeholder/policy development proceedings, related proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and related appellate review proceedings (ongoing since 1996).
- Representing a California municipal electric system in negotiations leading to multiple agreements for restructuring ownership of a large coal-fired generating facility (2012-2017) and related follow-up.

affiliations

Professional

- Energy Bar Association, member
- American Bar Association, member
- American Public Power Association, associate member
- California Municipal Utilities Association, associate member

Community

- Wesleyan University, alumni volunteer (ongoing), Alumni Trustee (1973-1976)

recognitions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2010-2024
- Listed in Washington D.C. Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters), 2013-2020
- Ranked in Chambers USA (by Chambers & Partners) for Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation), 2010-2023

in my free time

I love to travel, particularly to places where I can appreciate nature. My favorite destination so far has been Africa, which I've visited twice on wildlife viewing safaris. Other memorable excursions have included Australia and New Zealand, Patagonia and viewing the Northern Lights in Alaska.