



## Rebecca

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### MY SERVICES

Energy  
Regulatory

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### EDUCATION

State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law,  
J.D., 2007  
Marist College, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2004

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### ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia  
New York  
U.S. Court of Appeals D.C. Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit

## My clients depend on me to guide them through complex electric rate negotiations and litigation before FERC.

### overview

Rebecca Shelton is integral to Thompson Coburn's Energy group, advising and guiding municipal and cooperative electric utilities through complex electric transmission rate proceedings and disputes before FERC, as well as advising on other regulatory matters.

Rebecca guides clients through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulatory landscape, with a focus on electric transmission rate proceedings. She regularly negotiates and litigates on behalf of municipally owned electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives primarily located in the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regions. Drawing on her deep knowledge of FERC regulatory proceedings, Rebecca counsels her clients on cost-based rates, return on equity, formula rates, and open access transmission tariffs.

Rebecca also represents clients before the U.S. Court of Appeals regarding challenges of FERC orders, including managing the appeals process and preparing briefs.

In addition to FERC-related matters, Rebecca has monitored and advised clients regarding the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) reliability standards development process and on issues related to the Federal Power Act and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA).

Before joining Thompson Coburn, Rebecca served as a law clerk in the Office of Administrative Law Judges at FERC, where she handled electric, natural gas, oil pipeline, and enforcement hearing and settlement proceedings.

Well-respected throughout the electric transmission industry, Rebecca ensures that her clients stay current on the regulations affecting them. She has written and presented on such topics as the effect of carbon pricing on utilities and developments for electric utilities under PURPA.

### experience

- Protested and litigated an electric utility's transmission revenue requirement before FERC, including managing expert witness testimony, cross-examining expert and company witnesses and drafting pre- and post-hearing briefs and briefs on and opposing exceptions of the Administrative Law Judge's Initial Decision.

- Counseled clients regarding and prepared transmission revenue requirement filings, including both stated and formula rates.
- Practiced before the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in petitions for review of FERC orders, including managing the appeals process and preparing briefs.
- Litigated a complaint proceeding regarding the return on equity for transmission owners in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, which involved working with expert witnesses, cross-examination, oral argument and drafting briefs.
- Represented intervenors in numerous transmission rate proceedings, including drafting protests and answers, negotiations, preparing settlement documents and writing rehearing requests.
- Advised clients regarding market rule changes proposed through the CAISO's Business Practice Manual Change Management Process, including monitoring proposed revisions, drafting comments, preparing appeals and negotiating outcomes with the CAISO staff.

## affiliations

- American Bar Association
- American Public Power Association
- California Municipal Utilities Association
- Energy Bar Association, Past Chair of the FERC Practice Committee
- Women's Council on Energy and the Environment

## recognitions

- Ranked in Chambers USA (by Chambers and Partners) for Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) 2021-2024
- Recognized in Chambers USA as an "Up & Coming" Attorney for Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation), 2021 (by Chambers & Partners)
- Listed in "Washington DC Super Lawyers" Rising Stars list, 2014-2018 (by Thomson Reuters)
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (by BL Rankings), 2025

## publications

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

## presentations

- **"How Carbon Pricing Will Affect Your Utility"**  
American Public Power Association (APPA) Legal & Regulatory Conference, October 2021
- **"PURPA: The Latest Developments for Electric Utilities"**  
American Public Power Association (APPA) Legal & Regulatory Conference, October 2017