Adrienne L. Thompson

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Adrienne provides thoughtful analysis and practical advice across regulatory and transactional matters for the firm's energy clients.

OVERVIEW

Adrienne provides regulatory and transactional advice to clients involved in the generation, marketing, and transmission of electric energy. She largely practices before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), especially regarding matters arising under the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). In this capacity, Adrienne regularly advises clients on compliance and business issues implicated in transmission- and interconnection-related agreements.

In addition to assisting clients in FERC matters, Adrienne advocates for clients in various rate case and tariff-related proceedings before, and disputes involving, the Bonneville Power Administration, CAISO, and other ISOs/RTOs across the U.S., as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, to help protect client commercial interests and transmission rights. Regardless of the venue or issue at hand, Adrienne's goal is to efficiently translate complex energy issues into understandable and actionable advice.

Adrienne is the office managing partner of the firm's Portland office. Prior to joining the firm, Adrienne served as a judicial clerk to Oregon Supreme Court Justice Jack L. Landau. Adrienne also worked as a senior research associate for the Sustainable Energy Initiative at The George Washington University Law School, during which time her research and published scholarship explored utility integrated resource planning and ratemaking reforms.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Led outside counsel team in negotiating multiple contracts and obtaining key federal energy regulatory approvals to facilitate a utility client's joint ownership of a planned regional transmission project valued at more than $1 billion.
- Successfully defended a utility client against a complaint filed at FERC, alleging noncompliance with transmission service preemption and competition requirements.
- Represented a utility client in efforts to form a regional transmission planning entity.
- Represented a utility client in negotiating and executing a multiparty agreement involving unscheduled transmission flow mitigation procedures across the Western Interconnection.
- Represented a utility client in FERC Order No. 845, 845-A compliance, and overall interconnection-related

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matters, including interconnection queue reform.

- Advocated for an energy storage client in various FERC proceedings regarding market policy and resource adequacy issues, which clarified the client's contractual rights and market opportunities.
- Researched and drafted various motions and briefs before the U.S. Courts of Appeals in the Ninth and District of Columbia Circuits in connection with multimillion-dollar litigation matters that involved complex energy market, transmission, and construction law issues.

AWARDS

- 40 Under 40 Award Winner, *Portland Business Journal* (2023)
- *Legal 500 United States*: Energy: Energy Regulation: Electric Power, Next Generation Partner (2023-2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Energy Law and Energy Regulatory Law (2027); Ones to Watch – Energy Law (2021-2025)
- *Lawdragon:* 500 Global Leaders in Energy (2024-2026)
- *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer (2025-2026) – independently rated lawyers

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- FERC

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- President, Western Chapter, Energy Bar Association (2022 – 2023); Vice president (2021 – 2022)
- Chair, Energy, Telecom & Utility Law Section, Oregon State Bar (2021 – 2022)
- Board member, Foundation of the Energy Law Journal (FELJ) (2020 – present)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, LL.M., *highest honors*, energy and environmental law
- Lewis & Clark Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, editor-in-chief, *Environmental Law*; Cornelius Honor Society; Certificate in Environment and Natural Resources Law
- Walla Walla University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Oregon
- Washington

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Jack L. Landau, Oregon Supreme Court, 2013-2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, “Power Plays – Innovations and Reforms in Western Transmission and Interconnection,” EBA Western Chapter’s 2025 Annual Meeting, February 27, 2025.
- Speaker, “Insights from Recent FERC Interconnection Actions,” 2025 EUCI Effective Strategies for Streamlining Interconnection Conference, January 22, 2025.
- Speaker, “Easing Interconnection and Transmission Challenges in the Mountain West Impacts of New Reforms and Regional Collaboration,” Infocast Mountain West Renewables Summit, November 20, 2024.
- Presenter, “Insights From Recent FERC Interconnection Actions,” EUCI Conference: Strategies for Effective Interconnection Queue Management, July 10, 2024.
- Speaker, “Electricity Markets: A Regional Perspective,” *Energy Law Insights*, August 15, 2023.
- Moderator, “The Past, Present, and Potential Future of Western Markets and Regionalization,” 2022 EBA Western Chapter Virtual Annual Meeting, February 24, 2022.
- Moderator, “The Transmission Evolution: The Role of Transmission in Supporting Clean and Carbon-Free Initiatives,” 2021 EBA Western Chapter Virtual Annual Meeting, February 25, 2021.
- Moderator, “Resource Adequacy: What Is It And Why You Should Care,” 2020 Energy Bar Association Western Chapter Annual Conference and Meeting, February 2020.
- Emcee, “Tomorrow’s Energy System,” Conference hosted by the Green Energy Institute of Lewis & Clark Law School, February 2019.
- Panelist and presenter, “The ‘Public Interest’ Standard of Utility Regulation,” The George Washington University Law School J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Environmental Law Symposium: The Electricity Mix of the Future: Environment, Economics and Governance, March 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

- Regular Contributor, Troutman Pepper’s *Washington Energy Report*.
- Co-author, “High-Level Summary of FERC Order No. 1920 on Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation,” *Troutman Pepper*, May 21, 2024.
- Co-author, “Troutman Pepper Summary of FERC Order No. 2023-A on Generator Interconnections,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 28, 2024.
- Contributor, “Unlocking U.S. Transmission Upgrades – Are We on the Cusp of Real Progress? Bridging the Gap Between Planning and Permitting,” *Troutman Pepper*, November 27, 2023.
- Co-author, “Troutman Pepper Summary of FERC Order No. 2023 on Generator Interconnection Reform,” *Troutman Pepper*, August 2, 2023.
- Co-author, “FERC Order Bolsters States’ Small Power Facility Authority,” *Law360*, January 19, 2021.
- Co-author, “Analyzing FERC’s Order Updating PURPA Regulations for First Time in Almost 40 Years,” *Troutman Pepper*, July 20, 2021.
- Author, “Protecting Low-Income Ratepayers as the Electricity System Evolves,” 37 *Energy L. J.* 265 (2017).
- Author, “Preparing for the Energy Future by Creating It,” 7 *J. Energy & Envtl. L.* 215 (2016; recipient of the 2016

Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Law Scholarship at The George Washington University Law School).

- Author, “Short- and Long-Term Solutions for Struggling Commercial Nuclear Energy Generators in Restructured Wholesale Markets,” *J. Energy & Envtl. L.* (2015-2016 Paper Series).
- Author, “A Comparative Examination of Energy Federalism Constraints in the United States and Australia,” *Geo. Wash. Univ. Law School Envtl. & Energy Perspectives* (Fall 2014).