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Amie is a sought-after energy regulatory strategist with decades of experience representing clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). With a comprehensive understanding of the energy sector and the legal landscape, she provides pragmatic advice that advances her clients' goals.

OVERVIEW

Amie is the firm's managing partner, helping to lead the firm's strategic and operational initiatives. In that role, she draws on her experience as a practice group and department leader, as well as decades of work in private practice.

Consistently recognized as a leading energy attorney by *Chambers USA*, Amie is noted for advice that balances the complexities of regulatory compliance with her clients' business realities. She counsels and guides clients such as electric utilities, holding companies, investors, developers, and other market participants on all aspects of electricity regulation.

Amie's particular focus is on transmission-related issues, including transmission rate cases, interconnection issues, FERC regulations related to Standards of Conduct (SOC), and national and regional reliability standards. In addition, she regularly provides guidance on FERC's market-based rate program, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), and FERC's QF and EWG regulations.

Amie co-leads the firm's Management Team and is a member of the Policy Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Served as lead counsel in cost-of service transmission rate cases and on several depreciation rate filings.
- Counseled multiple transmission owners on formula rate design and associated protocols and compliance.
- Led the review of transmission transactions and compliance with OATT and FERC regulations. Counseled utilities regarding interpretation and implementation of the utilities' open access transmission tariffs.
- Provided counsel and assistance to several utilities with audits and investigations by FERC's Office of Enforcement (formerly the Office of Market Oversight and Investigations) regarding compliance with FERC's Standards of Conduct, Code of Conduct, and OASIS regulations and compliance with the utilities' open access transmission tariffs.
- Provided regulatory advice on multiple tax equity financings.

- Defended a utility in complaint regarding transmission queuing practices.
- Provided advice to utilities on FERC's incremental pricing policy including filing of a transmission service agreement with incremental pricing.
- Reviewed and negotiated interconnection agreements for several investor-owned utilities and developers.
- Counseled utilities and developers regarding the implementation of FERC's Large Generator and Small Generator Interconnection Procedures and the modifications to such requirements.
- Regulatory counsel to utilities before a FERC administrative law judge; including taking depositions, drafting testimony, and drafting briefs.
- Represented one of the nation's largest banks in the financing of a 55MW utility-scale solar facility (approximately \$250 million in value) in New Mexico. The bank provided the construction financing and will provide the long-term financing.
- Counsel to electric utilities regarding regulatory compliance best practices.
- Provided counsel to utilities involved in regional transmission organization (RTO) and independent system operator negotiations.

AWARDS

- *Legal 500 United States* for Industry Focus: Energy Regulation: Conventional Power (2021-2022) and Oil and Gas (2021-2024); Energy Litigation: Electric Power (2023-2024); Energy Regulation: Electric Power (2023-2024)
- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Energy Law (2021-2026), Energy Regulatory Law (2022-2026)
- *Chambers Global USA*, Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation), Nationwide (2024-2025)
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TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- Energy Storage
- FERC
- Renewable Energy

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- District of Columbia Bar
- Energy Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1999
- Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “How Battery Technology Is Changing the Game,” *Energy Law Insights*, July 7, 2023.
- Panelist, “Building Consensus: Engaging Partners Around Change,” 27th Annual Marketing Partner Forum, Thomson Reuters, January 23, 2020.
- Co-author, Alternative Energy & Power Guide 2019, *Chambers and Partners*, July 2018.
- Speaker, PURPA & Current Issues with Qualifying Facilities, Troutman Energy Conference 2017 (Chicago), June 28, 2017.
- Infocast 17th Annual Transmission Summit 2014, March 12-14, 2014, Washington, D.C., *The Emergence of Microgrids – Implications for Transmission* (Moderator).
- Cybersecurity for Utilities, October 8-9, 2013, Washington, D.C., *Best Practices for Smart Grid Cybersecurity* (Moderator).
- Solar Power Workshop, February 27-28, 2012, San Diego, CA, Clearing the Interconnection Queue – Perspectives on Queue Reform (Moderator).
- NERC Compliance 2.0: Ensuring Reliability of the Future Bulk Power System, May 11-12, 2011, Washington D.C., What Smart Grid Means for Reliability (Moderator).

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “FERC Interconnection NOPR Proposes Various Reforms,” *Troutman Pepper*, June 27, 2022.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Interviewed, “Troutman Pepper Locke’s Tech Leaders Discuss Importance of Women in Legal Tech, Firm’s AI Developments,” *Law.com*, March 20, 2025.
- Interviewed, “How I Made It to Law Firm Leadership: ‘Make Sure You Want a Leadership Role for the Right Reasons,’ Says Amie Colby of Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders,” *Law.com*, April 22, 2024.
- Featured and quoted, “In Her Own Words: Troutman Pepper’s Amie Colby’s Mantra,” *Bizwomen*, September 6, 2022.
- Interviewed, “Top Lawyers: Amie Colby of Troutman Pepper on the 5 Things You Need to Become a Top Lawyer in Your Specific Field of Law,” *Authority Magazine*, October 28, 2021.