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EDUCATION

- Tulane University School of Law, J.D., Environmental Law Certificate, 2008
- Humboldt University of Berlin, Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate, 2007
- Saint Louis University, B.A., Women's Studies and Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, 2004

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York
- US Ct Appeals, DC Circuit

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Vice Chair, Oil Pipelines Committee of the Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section
- Energy Bar Association
- Women's Council on Energy and the Environment

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2019-Present
- Edwards & Floom, LLP Partner, 2018-2019 Associate, 2012-2017
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Administrative Litigation Trial Attorney, 2008-2012

Erica guides clients and litigates in regulatory matters concerning natural gas and oil pipelines and electric utilities.

Erica uses her extensive experience to ensure that natural gas, crude oil, refined products and natural gas liquids producers are able to protect their business interests in administrative litigation and settlement proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and in commercial negotiations.

Erica litigates cost-of-service and market-based rate cases and other proceedings challenging rates and tariffs filed by oil and natural gas pipelines and electric utilities. She advises clients on FERC jurisdiction and regulation under the Interstate Commerce Act, the Natural Gas Act and the Federal Power Act and helps identify regulatory solutions for business issues. Erica also advocates for stakeholders in energy policy matters before federal and state regulators.

Prior to entering private practice, Erica was a Trial Attorney at the FERC's Office of Administrative Litigation, where she negotiated and litigated natural gas pipeline and electric utility rate cases on behalf of the public interest.

Recognitions

- Ranked in Chambers USA for Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory and Litigation), 2021 (by Chambers & Partners)
- Included in Super Lawyers Rising Stars List for Energy & Natural Resources (by Thompson Reuters), 2021
- Listed in Chambers USA as an Up & Coming Attorney for Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), 2019-2020 (by Chambers & Partners)

Experience

• Representative Matters

Served as lead counsel for oil producers in a crude oil pipeline cost-of-service rate litigation, which resulted in cost savings for clients and other ratepayers.

Served as lead counsel for oil producers in the first oil pipeline market-based rate litigation to apply the FERC's "used alternative" test for

COMMUNITY

- BeatBox DC, Board Member, 2014-Present
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Fundraiser and Volunteer, 2013-Present

identifying competitive alternatives.

Served as lead counsel for a refinery owner in settlement negotiations and litigation regarding a refined products pipeline's request for market-based rates.

Served as lead counsel for natural gas liquids (NGL) producers in settlement negotiations and litigation regarding an NGL pipeline's request for market-based rates.

Advised crude oil producers in negotiations regarding FERC-compliant transportation service agreements on oil pipelines.

Negotiated a favorable settlement for a refinery owner in a case contesting an oil pipeline's capacity allocation tariff provisions.

Negotiated complex, multi-party settlements in natural gas pipeline rate cases that resulted in cost savings for natural gas producer clients and other ratepayers.

Litigated high-value issues related to a natural gas pipeline's capital structure and return on equity (ROE), which saved ratepayers millions of dollars.

Advised energy stakeholders and drafted comments on the FERC's ROE policy, income tax policy for Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) and the oil pipeline index.

Represented cooperatives in FERC proceedings regarding electric public utilities' cost-of-service formula rates.

Presentations

- Panelist, "Risk and Opportunities: Do Indexed Rates Still Work for Oil Pipelines?" Energy Bar Association (EBA), October 2020
- Panelist, "EBA Energizer: FERC Pass-Through Taxation and Income Tax Allowance Recovery Policy Discussion," Energy Bar Association (EBA), January 2020
- Panelist, "EBA Energizer: Natural Gas Act Section 5 Primer," Energy Bar Association (EBA), January 2018
- Panelist, "Federal Midstream Regulatory Update for Liquids Pipelines," Institute for Energy Law Midstream Oil & Gas Law Conference, December 2015