



## Jesse Halpern

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### EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2008
- Pennsylvania State University, B.A., Economics and French, Phi Beta Kappa, 2002

### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- US Ct Appeals, 8th Circuit (AR, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)
- US Ct Appeals, DC Circuit

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Electric Cooperative Bar Association
- Energy Bar Association, Past Chair of System Reliability & Planning Committee
- Women's Council on Energy and the Environment

Jesse advises cooperatives and other clients as they navigate complex FERC proceedings and comply with FERC rules.

Jesse's practice focuses on electric transmission matters including open access transmission tariffs (OATTs), cost-of-service stated and formula transmission rates, generation and transmission interconnection matters and regional transmission organization (RTO) issues.

Capitalizing on her unique experience working in FERC's Office of Enforcement, Jesse also advises clients on compliance and enforcement matters. This includes assisting clients in complying with FERC Standards of Conduct and Affiliate Restrictions as well as North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) reliability standards. Jesse counsels clients through FERC and NERC audits, investigations and self-reports.

Prior to entering private practice, Jesse worked as an economist in two divisions of FERC's Office of Enforcement, including the Division of Audits and Accounting. At FERC, Jesse conducted audits of numerous regulated companies, developed audit programs and provided technical skill for investigations. She also contributed to biweekly and annual reports for FERC commissioners on energy market trends and industry-related issues.

### Experience

#### • Representative Matters

Facilitated several cooperative clients' efforts to join the Southwest Power Pool, a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), including preparing and supporting tariff changes and formula rates.

Litigated an electric utility's zonal placement in a RTO, which included working with expert witnesses to prepare their testimony, cross examining the opposing party's and FERC Staff witnesses, drafting briefs and responding to rehearing requests.

Represented active intervenors in transmission stated rate cases and formula rate cases before FERC, including filing protests, requests for rehearing and testimony; worked with expert witnesses; and negotiated settlements with other intervenors and the filing transmission owner.

Advised several utilities on their transmission formula rate annual update process, including responding to information requests and

## EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2016-Present
- Schiff Hardin LLP Associate, January 2013-December 2016
- Brudger, Gentile & Marcoux, LLP Associate, August 2008-December 2012
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Enforcement, Division of Integrated Market Assessments and Division of Audits Economist, June 2002-May 2007; August 2007-May 2008
- Duncan Weinberg, Genzer and Pembroke LLP Summer Law Clerk, May 2007-August 2007

informal challenges.

Represented an electric utility in litigation stemming from a formal challenge to its transmission formula rate annual update.

Advised two investor-owned utilities and an independent power producer in rewriting their North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) compliance programs.

Advised several investor-owned utilities and cooperative clients in preparing for NERC CIP audits, including leading mock audits and interviewing CIP subject matter experts, reviewing and revising Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet responses, and reviewing and suggesting additional evidence of compliance.

Advised several investor-owned utilities and an independent power producer in preparing self-reports to Regional Entities.

## Recognitions

- Best Lawyers, (by BL Rankings)
  - Listed for Energy Law, 2018-2020
- Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters)
  - Rising Star, 2014-2018
- Pennsylvania State University, Department of French and Francophone Studies
  - Outstanding Young Alumni Award, 2015