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Areas of Practice

Electric Power

Energy

Education

University of Maryland
 School of Law, J.D., with
 honors, 1995, Order of the
 Coif, Associate Editor,
*University of Maryland Law
 Review*, Moot Court Board,
 American Jurisprudence
 Awards (4), The John M.
 Strahorn, Jr. Memorial
 Prize for Evidence

Bowie State University,
 M.S., 1988

University of Maryland,
 B.S., 1978, Kappa Delta Pi

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

US Court of Appeals for
 the District of Columbia
 Circuit

US Court of Appeals for
 the Ninth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for
 the Tenth Circuit

US Supreme Court

Catherine M. Giovannoni

Catherine M. Giovannoni is of counsel in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is a member of the Regulatory & Industry Affairs Department.

Ms. Giovannoni focuses on energy regulation and client counseling, and she specializes in interlocking directorate compliance. Ms. Giovannoni also regularly works with clients to structure agency pleadings in order to ensure successful appeals. She wrote the successful Section 313(b) motion that led the Ninth Circuit to order FERC to allow evidence of market manipulation in the California Energy Crisis and authored a number of successful appellate briefs in subsequent proceedings.

Ms. Giovannoni also assists public utilities with mergers, reorganizations, acquisitions, and spin-offs of assets.

Representative Matters

- Consults with public utility boards of directors on interlocking directorate compliance
- Advises public utilities setting up single-asset wind, solar, and transmission subsidiaries on interlocking directorate issues
- Advises public utilities on preparation of applications for approval of interlocking directorates
- Advises public utilities concerning self-reporting of interlocking directorate compliance problems
- Assists clients to coordinate with state agencies and co-plaintiffs in multi-faceted FERC cases
- Negotiates for clients and successfully settles FERC cases
- Helps clients to structure agency pleadings, including requests for rehearing, in order to ensure successful appeals
- Briefs appeals of agency orders to United States Courts of Appeals, including the D.C. Circuit and the Ninth Circuit
- Drafts Section 203 applications for clients engaged in public utility mergers
- Coordinates with Office of FERC Solicitor on clients' intervenor briefs

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- Advises clients on exceptional relief, including petitions for a writ of mandamus, Section 313(b) motions, petitions for declaratory orders, and petitions to enforce the mandate

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Energy Bar Association