

## Alan I. Robbins

Member



### Overview

Mr. Robbins is a career energy lawyer. His energy practice is focused on electric resource and transmission management, operation, and regulation for electric utilities (principally municipal and cooperative electric systems), and large end-users of electric power. Mr. Robbins' active clients are or have included municipal joint action agencies, generation and transmission cooperatives, state regulatory commissions, individual municipal and cooperative electric systems, larger end-users, and other market participants.

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### Areas of Focus

- Energy
- Corporate and Business

- Public Power
- Electric and Hydroelectric
- Renewable Energy
- Federal Regulatory Energy Commission

## Education

J.D., National Law Center of the George Washington University (1978)

- with Honors

B.A., State University of New York at Albany, English (1975)

- *magna cum laude*
- Phi Beta Kappa

## Biography

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A significant part of his practice entails helping clients interface with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on regulatory procedures, tariff and other rate filings, merger proceedings, and hydroelectric licensing and licensing compliance. Mr. Robbins was also then engaged in the proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) relating to the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Much of Mr. Robbins' work focuses on helping clients interact with Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), including the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, the PJM RTO, and the Southwest Power Pool RTO. The constantly changing landscape of the electric power industry brings new challenges to his clients and requires ongoing evaluation and modification of their business and legal strategies.

Mr. Robbins is active in project development, including new hydroelectric and other renewable resources. Much of this work involves the development of project participation agreements, and power purchase and sale agreements. Transmission matters related to new projects is commonly involved as well.

Mr. Robbins has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, in the category of Energy Law. He has also been named as a *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer* in the area of Energy and Natural Resources, Utilities, and Administrative Law.

## Admissions

### Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia (1978)

### Court Admission

- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit (1979)
- U.S. Supreme Court (1980)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit (2016)

### Representative Clients

- Michigan Public Power Agency
- Michigan South Central Power Agency
- Utah Municipal Power Agency
- City of Hamilton, Ohio
- East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
- Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Clark County, Nevada
- Salt River Project, Arizona
- Ohio, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, and other states: Mr. Robbins counsels numerous individual municipal electric systems on a variety of issues including utility mergers, business counseling, FERC proceedings, state court proceedings and other matters.

### Media and Presentations

#### Articles

- Contributor, "[Lawyer Validates Board's Dominion Stance](#)," *TheBayNet.com* (October 30, 2014)
- Co-author, "[Changes in NERC Reliability Standards FAC-008/FAC-009 will take Effect on January 1, 2013](#)," *Jennings Strouss Newsletter* (March 15, 2012)
- Author, "[The ABCs of RECs](#)," *District Energy Magazine* (January 24, 2011)
- Author, "[Regulators Are People Too: Approach them like that](#)," *District Energy Magazine* (April 6, 2010)
- Co-author, "Traditional Municipalization and Duplication of Facilities Cases: Background, Facts, and Status," *37 Natural Resources Journal* 155 (1997)
- Co-author, "Electric and Gas Municipal Franchises: In an Age of Industry Restructuring," *Municipal Lawyer* (March/April 1996)
- Co-author, "Overcoming Anti-Hydro Policies in the Ohio River Basin," *Hydro Review*, Vol. X, No.1 (February 1991)
- Author, "Federal Electric Preference Power Marketing in the 1980's: Developing Legal Trends," *4 Energy Law Journal* (1983)

#### Blogs

- "[The United States Supreme Court Limited the Ability of States to Promote Generation](#)

[Development](#)," *Energy Law Times* (2016)

- Co-author, "[FERC Concerned About Impact of Fuel Assurance on Generator Performance and Electric Markets Operations](#)," *Energy Law Times* (December 1, 2014)
- Co-author, "[EPA Publishes New Regulations on Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)," *Energy Law Times* (June 20, 2014)
- Co-author, "[FERC Confirms That Non-Jurisdictional Contract Rates Are Not Pass-Through Rates Subject To FERC's Jurisdiction](#)," *Energy Law Times* (August 23, 2013)
- Co-author, "[FERC Issues Final Rule Concerning Integration of Variable Energy Resources](#)," *Energy Law Times* (July 2, 2012)

## **Memberships**

### **Energy Bar Association**

### **American Public Power Association**

### **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association**

## **Honors and Awards**

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated](#)
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the category of Energy Law (2007 - 2019)
- Listed, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers* in the categories of Energy & Natural Resources, Utilities, Administrative Law (2010 - 2018)
- Listed, *Top Attorneys in Washington, D.C. Metro Area* (2010 - 2017)

## **Community Involvement**

- Former girls soccer coach (U10 through U14) for a competitive travel team based in the Vienna, VA area and drawing players from the region (1997 - 2001)
- Former girls fast-pitch softball coach (U10 through U16) for competitive travel teams based in the Vienna, VA area and other players from the region, including teams that competed in the National Tournament (1994 - 2000)