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Chair, Energy



Overview

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Areas of Focus

- Energy
- Public Power
- Electric and Hydroelectric

- Federal Regulatory Energy Commission

Education

J.D., George Mason University School of Law (2000)

B.S., University of Kansas (1992)

Biography

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Ms. Roby is active in project development, including new hydroelectric projects and other renewable resources. Much of this work involves state and federal agency interaction concerning environmental and project operations compliance, the development of project participation agreements, and power purchase and sale agreements. She is also actively engaged in matters involving compliance with reliability standards developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

Ms. Roby is listed as a *Washington D.C. Super Lawyer* in the area of Energy and Natural Resources.

Admissions

Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia (2001)

Court Admission

- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit (2001)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit (2016)

Media and Presentations

Articles

- Co-author, "[In the wake of Hughes v. Talen Energy, might states turn to CHP to help meet future energy demand?](#)," *District Energy Magazine* (2016)
- Co-author, "[Cybersecurity and District Energy Resilience](#)," *District Energy Magazine* (2014)

Blogs

- Co-author, "[The United States Supreme Court Limited the Ability of States to Promote Generation Development,](#)" *Energy Law Times* (2016)
- Co-author, "[FERC Issues Final Rule Concerning Integration of Variable Energy Resources,](#)" *Energy Law Times* (2012)
- Co-author, "[Changes in NERC Reliability Standards FAC-008/FAC-009 will take Effect on January 1, 2013,](#)" *Energy Law Times* (March 15, 2012)
- Co-author, "[FERC Issues Final Rule Concerning Integration of Variable Energy Resources,](#)" *Energy Law Times* (2012)

Presentations

- "NERC Reliability Standards, What They Mean for Municipal Utilities," Kansas Municipal Utilities (2007)
- "An Introduction to EPA's Coal Ash Rule," APPA Legal Seminar (2015)

Memberships

Energy Bar Association

National Hydropower Association

American Bar Association

- Member, Environment, Energy, and Resources Section
- Member, Hydropower Committee
- Member, Renewable Energy Committee

American Public Power Association

Michigan Municipal Electric Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

Honors and Awards

- Listed, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers* in the category of Energy and Natural Resources (2012 - 2016, 2018)

Community Involvement

LiveStrong Challenge, Friends Fighting Cancer (2008 - 2012)

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

- Member, Leukemia Ball Auction Committee (2007 - 2008)