

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., English, State University of New York at Albany (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. Mr. Robbins also represents his clients in state and federal court litigation on various energy and utility matters.

Much of Mr. Robbins' work focuses on helping clients interact with Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), including the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO), the PJM RTO (PJM), the Southwest Power Pool RTO (SPP), and the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), 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 in *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*[®] 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 Experience

- Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT)
- Utah Municipal Power Agency (UMPA)
- Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA)
- Michigan South Central Power Agency (MSCPA)
- City of Hamilton, Ohio
- Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NOVEC)
- Rochester Public Utilities, Rochester, Minnesota (RPU)
- Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA)
- Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN)
- American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP)
- Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, Nebraska (LES)
- Clark County, Nevada
- Salt River Project, Arizona (SRP)
- Mr. Robbins counsels numerous individual municipal or cooperative electric systems on a variety of issues including utility mergers, business counseling, FERC proceedings, state court proceedings, and other matters.

Media and Presentations

Articles

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

Blogs

- [“FERC Issues Final Rule Requiring RTOs to Provide for Participation of Electric Storage Resources in Organized Markets,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (March 1, 2018)
- [“The United States Supreme Court Limited the Ability of States to Promote Generation Development,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (April 20, 2016)
- [“FERC Concerned About Impact of Fuel Assurance on generator Performance and Electric Markets Operations,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (December 1, 2014)
- [“EPA Publishes New Regulations on Greenhouse Gas Emissions,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (June 20, 2014)
- [“FERC Confirms That Non-Jurisdictional Contract Rates Are Not Pass-Through Rates Subject To FERC’s Jurisdiction,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (August 23, 2013)
- [“FERC Issues Final Rule Concerning Integration of Variable Energy Resources,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (July 2, 2012)
- [“Changes in NERC Reliability Standards FAC-008/FAC-009 will Take Effect on January 1, 2013,”](#) Co-author, *Jennings Strouss Blog* (March 15, 2012)

Presentations

- “Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) & Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Update,” MMEA Fall Conference (October 2019)
- “Update from Washington,” presented at the Utah Municipal Power Agency (March 2019)

Honors and Awards

- [AV Preeminent®Peer Review Rated™](#), Martindale-Hubbell®
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Energy Law (2007 - 2023)
- [Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers®](#), Energy & Natural Resources, Utilities, Administrative Law (2010 - 2020)
- [Top Attorneys in Washington, D.C. Metro Area](#) (2010 - 2017)

