



## Amanda C. Drennen

### Associate

Amanda Drennen joined Spiegel & McDiarmid LLP in the fall of 2018 following her graduation from New York University School of Law where she was an Executive Editor of the *Environmental Law Journal*.

During law school, Amanda interned with the Eastern Environmental Law Center where she formulated legal, economic, and public interest arguments opposing construction of a natural gas pipeline. She also participated in NYU's Environmental Law Clinic, working with the Natural Resources Defense Council's Clean Energy Program. Amanda worked at Spiegel & McDiarmid as a Summer Associate in 2017, researching and drafting memoranda on energy, hydropower, union, and telecommunications matters.

Since joining Spiegel & McDiarmid, Amanda has represented a diverse array of clients before state public service commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and federal courts.

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### EDUCATION

New York University School of  
Law, JD

2018, New York, NY

*Environmental Law Journal*

University of Pittsburgh, BA,  
*summa cum laude*, 2013,

Pittsburgh, PA

History and Classics

### ADMISSIONS

New York

District of Columbia

United States Courts of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia and  
Ninth Circuits

### Representative Matters

- Represented clients in an *amicus* brief before the Supreme Court in an effort to defend the constitutionality of public, educational and governmental access (PEG) channel requirements and the viability of public access television.
- Represented a ratepayer advocate in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in a successful appeal of a public service commission decision.
- Represented a joint action agency before the Federal Circuit and the Court of Federal Claims in a successful challenge of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's interpretation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.
- Represented a joint action municipal power supply agency before FERC

United States Court of Federal  
Claims

in a tariff-violation proceeding against a transmission provider.

- Advised on the jurisdictional issues surrounding a utility's electric vehicle program and the effects of newly-passed legislation.
- Represented a municipal power agency and municipal utility before FERC in a jurisdictional dispute over the supply of station power.
- Represented a municipal energy agency in a successful protest of a major tariff revision before FERC.
- Represented transmission customers opposing FERC's proposed rule on transmission incentives.

## Resources

- *FERC'S Enforcement Order on GreenHat and Takeaways for Market Participants*, by Lisa G. Dowden, Amanda C. Drennen (March 2022).