



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).