



## Amber L. Martin Stone

Associate

Amber Martin Stone counsels state agencies, municipal governments and other consumer-oriented clients to further their goal of ensuring the affordability and reliability of electric service. Her practice principally includes advocating on behalf of clients in electric, gas and ratemaking proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) involving wholesale electricity market design, resource adequacy, cost-of-service agreements, pipeline certification and electric transmission and gas transportation rate cases. Amber also represents clients in energy- and telecommunications-focused litigation and appeals before various federal courts and is experienced in handling all aspects of e-discovery.

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### EDUCATION

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, Certificate in Energy & Environmental Law, 2015, Hartford, CT

Phi Delta Phi

P.E.O. Scholar

American Bar Association Section of Urban, State and Local Government Law Prize, 2015

Rutgers University, BA, *summa cum laude, with college honors*, 2012, Newark, NJ

Economics

James Dickson Carr Scholar

Phi Beta Kappa

Benjamin Weissman Award for Political Writing, 2012

In addition to her work at Spiegel, Amber is an adjunct professor of law at University of Connecticut School of Law, where she teaches an advanced energy law course focused on federal-state jurisdiction, wholesale electricity markets and resource development policies.

Prior to joining Spiegel, Amber worked as a Staff Attorney II at the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA or the Authority), where she advised the Chair and Commissioners of PURA on federal, regional and state energy policy issues. While in law school, Amber held various energy-focused internships with the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General's Energy Department (the unit representing the Authority in administrative appeals and state and federal litigation), the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Eversource Energy and New England grid operator ISO New England Inc.

### Representative Matters

- Represented New England consumer-owned utilities in successfully challenging an ISO New England reserve market design proposal that would have substantially increased costs to consumers without providing sufficient assurance that the measures would address the regional fuel

## ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

District of Columbia

Massachusetts

United States Courts of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia,  
Second, Third, Sixth, and Seventh  
Circuits

United States Court of Federal  
Claims

security concerns they were aimed at. *ISO New England Inc.*, 173 FERC ¶ 61,106 (2020).

- Represented group of mid-Atlantic state consumer advocates in challenging changes to PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. “Minimum Offer Price Rule.” *Calpine Corp. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 169 FERC ¶ 61,239 (2019), *on reh’g*, 171 FERC ¶ 61,035, *on reh’g*, 173 FERC ¶ 61,061 (2020), *petition for review pending sub nom. Ill. Commerce Comm’n v. FERC*, No. 20-1645 (7th Cir. filed Apr. 20, 2020).
- Represented New York State Public Service Commission in various FERC proceedings regarding the design and application of the New York Independent System Operator’s buyer-side market power mitigation regimen.
- Represented ratepayer advocate in challenging need for proposed greenfield natural gas pipeline.
- Represented state utility commission in litigation regarding the rates, terms and conditions of service to be rendered under a reliability must-run contract.
- Represented the Chair and Commissioners of the New York State Public Service Commission in a case defending New York’s zero-emissions credit component of the state’s “Clean Energy Standard.” The district court dismissed the complaint against the Commission. *Coalition for Competitive Electricity v. Zibelman*, 272 F. Supp. 3d 554 (S.D.N.Y. 2017), *aff’d*, 906 F.3d 41 (2d Cir. 2018), *cert. denied sub nom. Elec. Power Supply Ass’n v. Rhodes*, 139 S. Ct. 1547 (2019).
- Represented the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government in a case defending Louisville Metro’s one touch make-ready (OTMR) ordinance against federal and state law challenges brought by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T. *BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government*, 275 F. Supp. 3d 833 (W.D. Ky. 2017).
- Successfully negotiated transmission rate settlement saving California ratepayers \$20 million.

## Practice Focus

Energy policy matters, electricity market design, transmission rate cases, telecommunications, litigation and appeals.

## Resources

- *FERC v. Electric Power Supply Association: Defining the Federal-State Divide*, by Amber L. Martin Stone – Connecticut Bar Association Energy, Public Utility and Communications Law Section and UConn’s Center for Environment & Energy Law Joint Meeting (April 2016).