

2027 Summer Associate – Public Interest Energy/Utilities Law

Spiegel & McDiarmid LLP is a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C. that represents the public side of our nation's critical infrastructure industries. We focus on energy and telecommunications, and represent consumer-side interests before federal and state courts and regulatory bodies. In our electric utilities practice, our clients are primarily states and municipally owned utilities, who seek to further economic justice, promote sustainability and reliability, and protect consumers against unreasonable charges. We help our clients through all phases of litigation, settling matters where doing so makes sense for the client, and going to trial when it doesn't.

The issues we handle are wide-ranging and include arguing federal preemption questions before the U.S. Supreme Court, addressing contract interpretation disputes before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and pursuing investigations of utility rates and performance before state public service commissions. Along the way, we litigate against some of the most powerful and well-resourced companies and law firms in the nation.

Responsibilities

Summer associates work directly with our attorneys on tasks that include:

- 1) Legal research and analysis, including drafting memos, briefs, and other pleadings;
- 2) Interfacing with clients and participating in case strategy discussions;
- 3) Assisting with all facets of trial preparation; and
- 4) Monitoring pending legislation.

While assignments will be focused on the specific matters active in Summer 2027, we ensure that you will be exposed to the full range of our practice areas and learn more about our firm through a series of educational sessions dubbed "Utility School."

Qualifications

Spiegel is seeking intellectually inquisitive and creative 2L students:

- With an excellent academic record;
- Who are excited to learn about the nuts and bolts of energy law, electric utility ratemaking, electric market design, etc.;
- With a demonstrated dedication to public interest legal work; and
- With strong legal writing and research skills.

Compensation: \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00 per week.

Required Documents: Resume, cover letter, and transcript.

Job Location: Washington, D.C. Spiegel offers a flexible, hybrid working model with attorneys expected in the office 3 days per week.

How to Apply: Please email your resume, cover letter, and transcript to recruiting@spiegelmc.com.

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