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Areas of Practice

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources, Gaming & Administrative Law

Bar Admissions

Nevada
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Education

J.D., University of the Pacific,
McGeorge School of Law
B.A., University of California,
Berkeley, 1982

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Ms. Drakulich has served as assistant general counsel for Nevada's largest electric providers and as private counsel for Nevada's largest energy users, representing them in rate cases and integrated resource plan applications, environmental permitting, purchase power agreement and line extension proceedings, renewable energy initiatives and other regulatory matters. She has also served as a legislative lobbyist for her clients addressing electric, gas and water issues during numerous sessions of the Nevada Legislature.

Ms. Drakulich has represented local, national and international energy and public utility firms in a wide array of regulatory matters, procurement matters, supply and purchase contract negotiations, as well as permitting and construction of renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal, biomass and biogas) and fossil fuel facilities. In recent years she has also focused on energy efficiency and energy independence for large electric and gas users. Her practice also entails securing environmental and construction permits for clients from local, state and federal governmental agencies.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Renewable Energy

Ms. Drakulich has been involved in the development, purchase, and sale of renewable energy resources since 1993. She was in-house legal counsel to Nevada's two largest utility companies during the infancy of the renewable energy industry and has parlayed that experience into representing state, national, and international renewable energy developers on all aspects of project development, including permitting, regulatory approval, and negotiation of purchase power agreements.

Regulatory Practice

Ms. Drakulich has participated in general rate proceedings, integrated resource plans, deferred energy filings for gas and electric companies, the development of regulations for a wide array of utility matters, and various other proceedings before the state's regulators on behalf of Nevada's largest utility companies and on behalf of the state's largest users of gas and electricity.

Legislative Practice

Since 1997, Ms. Drakulich has participated at some level in every Nevada legislative session, either as a registered lobbyist or as a consultant on a broad range of utility matters, including deregulation, the development of Nevada's renewable portfolio standard, decoupling, and regulatory mergers and acquisitions.

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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Ms. Drakulich has successfully negotiated numerous renewable energy purchase power contracts for biomass, biogas, hydroelectric, geothermal, and solar resources with the state's largest electric utilities and which were approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

In addition, Ms. Drakulich has participated in the financing of several energy and renewable energy projects in the past three years, on both the lender and the developer side of the transaction, to secure both private and public financing. The projects, for which financing was obtained, included a 280-mile, 500 kV overhead transmission line, a 150-megawatt wind facility, a 100-megawatt concentrating solar power project, and a 20-megawatt biogas project.

Ms. Drakulich represented Nevada's largest gaming customers before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada in protest of nearly \$100 million in general rate increases filed by Nevada's largest regulated public utility. Some or all of the disallowances sought by Ms. Drakulich were approved.

Ms. Drakulich successfully obtained a stipulation for her client between all parties before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, recommending the issuance of an order approving a construction permit, pursuant to the Utilities Environmental Protection Act, for a 240-mile, 500-kV overhead transmission line. The Commission issued an order adopting the stipulation.

Ms. Drakulich spearheaded a revamp of the allocation of lost and unaccounted-for gas on Southwest Gas's Southern Nevada transportation and distribution system on behalf of the owners of a natural gas-fired power plant. The primary allocation is now based on the transmission and distribution miles of the pipeline rather than on the volume transported.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Las Vegas Business Press - "2011 Women Who Mean Business"

In Business Las Vegas - "2011 Women to Watch"

The Best Lawyers in America® (Energy)

Nevada Business Magazine - "Legal Elite"

Martindale Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Member, Supreme Court Bench Bar Committee

Speaker and moderator, Harry Reid Annual Energy Summit

Moderator, NAIOP Renewable Energy Conference

Speaker, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Annual Energy Technical Symposium

Speaker, The Advocacy Group Annual International Convention

Speaker, International Power Gen Convention

Appointee, Governor Brian Sandoval's Economic Development Board for the State of Nevada

Appointee, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's Blue Ribbon Panel on Renewable Energy

Appointee, State of Nevada Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Task Force, Transmission Subcommittee

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