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PRACTICES

Electric
Oil, Gas, & LNG

EDUCATION

Georgetown University
McDonough School of Business;
Georgetown University Walsh
School of Foreign Service; ESADE
Business School
University of Texas School of Law
University of Virginia

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia Bar
Virginia State Bar

MONA TANDON

PARTNER



Professional Background

Mona focuses her practice on oil and product pipelines, natural gas, and electric utility regulation. This encompasses all aspects of project development and acquisitions, project siting and permitting, environmental concerns, contract negotiations and transactional issues, tariffs, ratemaking and regulatory rate litigation. Mona also advises clients on general corporate matters and legislative issues, including corporate governance, infrastructure security, and risk management. In addition, Mona assists residential and commercial appliance manufacturers in navigating federal and state energy efficiency regulations and the ENERGY STAR program. Specifically, she helps clients request waivers from, and changes to, energy efficiency standards to fit unique circumstances and accommodate advanced technologies; resolve energy efficiency enforcement actions; and develop legislative advocacy strategies and policy recommendations. Another aspect of Mona's practice deals with the improved relations between the United States and Cuba, which have created potentially lucrative opportunities for U.S. businesses in Cuba and with Cuban nationals. Mona is well versed on the U.S. rules relating to Cuba, and advises clients who are interested in doing business with Cuba. Her practice also includes advising clients on U.S. customs and trade issues.

Mona represents clients before the:

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Department of Energy
- Department of Commerce
- Environmental Protection Agency
- State and Federal Courts
- Department of Treasury
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of State
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Prior to returning to Van Ness Feldman, where she practiced for the first 10 years of her career, Mona served as Senior Legal Counsel to TransCanada. In that position, she managed U.S. federal and state regulatory issues and governmental affairs for the company's oil and natural gas pipeline business and Western power business. She advised the company on strategic and regulatory compliance matters, including those related to rates, capacity access, open seasons, tariffs, terms of service, transportation agreements, and commercial arrangements. Mona's work also included advising clients regarding cross-border issues, focusing on efficient and effective management. Her project work with TransCanada included infrastructure projects in the State of Alaska. In addition to her work with pipelines and the power business, Mona managed global customs and international trade issues for the company.

Mona is an active participant in the firm's pro bono practice, a member of the diversity committee, and is the co-coordinator of the Oil, Gas, & LNG Practice. She serves as the firm's Deputy Treasurer and also served as one of the firm's Associate Coordinators, whose responsibilities include managing the firm's associates.

Representative Experience

- Assisting clients with due diligence reviews in the purchase of oil and gas facilities.
- Counseling clients regarding the Interstate Commerce Act and FERC's rules related to oil pipeline

tariffs, rates and terms of service.

- Helping pipeline clients determine the best path forward with respect to customer bankruptcies.
- Representing natural gas pipeline companies in Natural Gas Act Section 4 and Section 5 rate cases.
- Drafting and advising on open season documents, transportation service agreements, tariffs, and non-jurisdictional agreements for oil pipeline and natural gas pipeline clients.
- Assisting clients in navigating the project siting and permitting processes, including federal, state and local environmental and safety requirements, and U.S. Department of State Presidential Permit process.
- Counseling clients regarding project development and acquisitions.
- Managing customs and international trade activities worldwide.
- Reviewing and drafting commercial agreements to ensure compliance with regulatory policies and U.S. law.

Government Service

Criminal Investigator, Public Defenders Service of the District of Columbia, 1996

Awards and Honors

Legal 500 - Recommended Attorney

Energy Regulation - Oil & Gas, 2019-2021

"Best Lawyers in America" by *Best Lawyers*

Energy Law, 2023

Articles and Presentations

- 2019 AOPL Annual Business Conference, San Antonio TX, 09/17/2019
- 2018 AOPL Annual Business Conference, Denver CO, 09/25/2018
- 2018 Annual Energy Conference, Northwest Gas Association, Stevenson WA, 06/07/2018
- 2017 AOPL Annual Business Conference, Seattle WA, 10/19/2017
- 14th Annual Energy Conference, Northwest Gas Association, Stevenson WA, 06/07/2017
- 2017 EBA Annual Meeting & Conference, Washington DC, 04/03/2017
- Interstate Pipeline Regulatory Committee Annual Meeting, San Antonio TX, 09/21/2016
- AOPL's Annual Business Conference, Association of Oil Pipelines, Chicago IL, 09/13/2016
- Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities 2016 Annual Conference, Aspen CO, 07/13/2016
- Northwest Gas Association's 2016 Annual Energy Conference, Stevenson WA, 06/09/2016
- AGA FERC Manual: A Guide for Local Distribution Companies (2016-2017), Contributing Author American Gas Association, 2016-2017 Edition, 05/01/2016
- AOPL 2015 Annual Business Conference, Association of Oil Pipelines, Atlanta GA, 09/15/2015
- [Mexico Crude Oil Swaps Not Likely To Affect Export Ban](#), Law360.com, 08/19/2015

Alerts

- Landmark FERC Order Adopts New Method for ROE Determinations , 10/17/2018
- Executive Actions May Impact the Future of Energy Infrastructure Projects and Domestic Manufacturing, 01/26/2017
- FERC Reaffirms Sanctity of Committed Shipper Contracts and Arm's-Length Bargaining, 02/03/2016

- Crude Oil Swaps with Mexico: Is the Export Ban on its Last Legs? , 08/18/2015
- Shippers Request More Transparency in FERC Form No. 6, 04/22/2015