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PRACTICES

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EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law
University of San Diego

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

California State Bar

Professional Background

Meghan O'Brien is Of Counsel in the firm's Energy Regulatory practice, where she brings in-depth experience representing clients on a broad range of federal regulatory matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Before joining Van Ness Feldman, Meghan was an associate attorney in a law firm's Energy Development practice, where she counseled clients on FERC and state public utility regulatory processes during energy project development. Her work included advising clients on federal and state interconnection matters for utility-scale, distributed, and behind-the-meter energy projects, as well as drafting agreements, FERC filings, and California Public Utilities Commission motions and comments across a variety of proceedings. She also advised oil and gas companies on rates and associated pipeline transportation issues in California.

Earlier in her career, Meghan served as an Attorney-Advisor in FERC's Office of the General Counsel, Energy Markets Section, where she advised the Commission on complex issues related to FERC's regulation of public utilities under the Federal Power Act. She served as the lead attorney for technological advancement reforms and contributed to Order No. 2023, the Standard Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements Final Rule and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Meghan earned her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she was a member of the Student Bar Association, Energy Law Clinic, the Environmental Law Society, and received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award.

Government Service

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the General Counsel, Energy Markets Section
Attorney-Advisor, 2019-2023

California Public Utilities Commission, Public Advocates Office, Electricity Planning & Policy Branch
Regulatory Analyst, 2018-2019

Articles and Presentations

- Intersolar & Energy Storage North America 2026, Intersolar & Energy Storage North America , San Diego California, 02/18/2026

Alerts

- FERC Acts on Large Load Integration: Key Issues Addressed, 06/19/2026
- FERC Provides Further Guidance on Co-Located Load Interconnection, 04/21/2026
- FERC Rescinds the Longstanding Western Electricity Coordinating Council's Soft Price Cap, 03/02/2026