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**PRACTICES**

Electric  
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**EDUCATION**

George Washington University  
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**MEALEAR TAUCH**  
**SENIOR ENERGY ANALYST**



**Professional Background**

Mealear Tauch provides support for the firm's hydropower, electric and natural gas regulatory practices. She works primarily with the hydropower practice by assisting with the preparation of license and permit applications and motions and pleadings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the federal courts. As an Energy Analyst, Mealear researches regulatory issues, monitors proceedings before FERC, and is responsible for managing cases during complex litigations.

**Representative Experience**

Current Matters:

- Supporting the FERC relicensing and compliance for the California State Water Project, including the Oroville Facilities and South SWP Project.
- Supporting the FERC relicensing of the Yuba River Development Project in Northern California.
- Supporting two FERC licensees before the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals defending FERC's finding that the State of California waived certification authority under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the two project relicensings. Also representing the same two clients in federal district court on related issues.
- On a team representing municipal and cooperative utilities in a contract claims against their power supplier.
- On a team assisting Alaska Native regional corporations, municipal governments, and regional tribal government in challenge to Endangered Species Act listings.

Notable Past Matters:

- Worked on the team counseling on the FERC licensing of the proposed Susitna-Watana Project.
- Worked on an arbitration disputing the conveyance price of the Selis Ksanka Qispe Project in Montana.

**Alerts**

- FERC Requests Information on Streamlining Post-Licensing Hydropower Approvals and Issuance of a Blanket Rule for Post-Licensing Amendments, 11/25/2025
- Recent D.C. Circuit Case Limits Opportunity to Assert Waiver of State Section 401 Water Quality Certification Authority, 05/23/2025