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PRACTICES

Native Affairs
Renewable Energy

EDUCATION

Yale Law School
University of Oxford
Sewanee: The University of the South

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia Bar
Illinois State Bar
New York State Bar
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
Missouri State Bar

ROBIN M. ROTMAN
COUNSEL



Professional Background

Robin Rotman works primarily in the area of energy infrastructure project development.

She represents developers, investors, owners, and operators of electric generation and transmission projects, particularly renewable energy projects (hydro, solar, wind, and geothermal). Robin has experience structuring transactions, negotiating project agreements and documentation, and representing clients in related regulatory and permitting matters. Robin is also involved in international matters focusing on the development and implementation of emerging market commercial and regulatory structures to promote investment in the energy sector.

Robin counsels Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations on energy, natural resources, and economic development projects, including representing the first tribes to own and operate a major hydropower project.

In addition, Robin advises clients on regulatory matters related to the transportation of energy products and hazardous materials in North America, particularly crude-by-rail.

Prior to joining the firm, Robin was an associate in the D.C. office of a New York-based law firm, where she focused on corporate finance and project finance.

Robin serves as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, teaching a course on Environ Law, Tech, & Justice. Robin is also active in pro bono work through the Senate Roundtable on Trauma in Native Communities and the Children's Law Center's special education program.

Robin is proficient in Spanish.

Representative Experience

- Assists a \$1 billion+ federal public-private partnership that is developing a commercial-scale carbon capture and storage coal-fired plant.
- Negotiates power sales agreements (WSPP, EEI, and ISDA) on behalf of the first Native American tribes to own and operate a major hydropower project.
- Represents a leading solar systems provider on procurement and power sales contracts.
- Provides the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes licensing and compliance counsel for the 190 MW Kerr hydroelectric project. Represents independent power producers in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings (e.g., market-based rate authority, cost recovery, interconnection issues, and settlement judge proceedings).
- Counsels offerors and carriers of energy products and hazardous materials and provides representation before the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Federal Railroad Administration.
- Advises the community development fund of an Alaska Native Corporation that is establishing a revolving microloan program for environmentally-sustainable businesses.

Government Service

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Assistant General Counsel / Special Assistant to the Director, 2009-2011

United Nations

Legal Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Maldives, 2008-2009

Articles and Presentations

- Control of Nonpoint Source Pollution under the Clean Water Act: A Matter of Political Will , ABA's Natural Resources & the Environment, Issue Fall 2022, 12/01/2022
- ATLP 92nd Annual Meeting Webinar Series, 06/15/2021
- DOT Publishes Guidance on Revised Federal Drug Testing Custody and Control Form, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 10/23/2020
- PHMSA Commits Over \$100 Million to Improving Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 10/23/2020
- Criminal Updates from the DOT – Office of Inspector General, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 08/21/2020
- PHMSA Issues Determination and Notice Regarding Vapor Pressure of Crude Oil Transported by Rail, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 05/15/2020
- Texas Railroad Commission Issues Notice to Pipeline Operators, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 05/15/2020
- DOT OIG Issues Recommendations to PHMSA on Siting Evaluations for LNG Facilities and Monitoring State Pipeline Safety Programs, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 05/15/2020
- Department of Energy Study Finds Bakken Crude No More Volatile than Crude from Other Regions, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, 05/15/2020
- Institute of Nuclear Materials Management - 60th Annual Meeting, Palm Desert CA, 07/15/2019
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals 90th Annual Meeting, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, Washington DC, 06/09/2019
- Van Ness Feldman White Paper: Assessing the Risks and Opportunities of Climate-Related Regulation and Litigation for the U.S. Power Sector, (Commissioned by the Environmental Defense Fund), 10/01/2018
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals' 89th Annual Meeting , Washington DC, 06/10/2018
- [The US Nuclear Waste Impasse](#), Nuclear Engineering International, 04/01/2018
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, November/December 2017](#), 11/01/2017
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, September/October 2017](#), 09/01/2017
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, July/August 2017](#), 08/01/2017
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals 88th Annual Meeting, Austin TX, 06/25/2017
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, March/April 2017](#), 03/01/2017
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, November/December 2016](#), 11/01/2016

- [Q&A: Water markets and impact investment help address global water scarcity](#), Global Water Forum, 09/16/2016
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, September/October 2016](#), 09/01/2016
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, July/August 2016](#), 07/01/2016
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals 87th Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA, 06/19/2016
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, May/June 2016](#), 05/01/2016
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, March/April 2016](#), 03/01/2016
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, January/February 2016](#), 01/01/2016
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, November/December 2015](#), 11/01/2015
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, September/October 2015](#), 10/01/2015
- Association of Transportation Law Professionals 86th Annual Meeting, Association of Transportation Law Professionals, Boston MA, 06/27/2015
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, May-June 2015](#), 05/01/2015
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, March-April 2015](#), 04/01/2015
- American Public Power Association, Washington DC, 03/09/2015
- The Keystone XL Pipeline: Fueling the debate over presidential permit authority, Trends - ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Newsletter, Vol. 46 Issue 4, 03/01/2015
- [Association of Transportation Law Professionals Association Highlights - HazMat Column, Nov. 2014-Feb. 2015](#), 11/01/2014
- National Geothermal Summit, Geothermal Energy Association, Reno NV, 08/06/2014

Alerts

- PHMSA Issues Final Rule on Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Rail Operational Controls for Flammable Liquid Transport, 05/08/2015
- FERC NOPR Proposes to Reduce Open Access Regulation of Generator Lead Lines, 05/21/2014
- OUTLOOK 2014: KEY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS, 01/23/2014