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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Environmental Law Practice; Energy & Natural Resources Law;
Corporate Law; Automotive; Agribusiness; Solar & Renewable Energy
Law



Gwenneth O'Hara is Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Practice Group and a member of the Firm's Corporate Practice Group. With over 15 years of experience in the energy industry, Ms. O'Hara advises public and private entities with large infrastructure projects, and advises on all aspects of traditional energy, gas, and renewable portfolios. Ms. O'Hara counsels clients on renewable contracting and development of form RFPs and PPAs incorporating recent utility standards and regulatory changes, including CAISO market changes. She also advises clients on negotiation and drafting of interconnection, transmission, energy, gas and related contracts, including ISDA, EEI, WSPP, NAESB, GISB and custom bilateral arrangements. In addition, Ms. O'Hara represents clients at the CPUC, CAISO, FERC, CARB, and CEC. She also represents cities, counties, and state agencies as bond and disclosure counsel.

Prior to joining Buchalter, Ms. O'Hara was the founding member of a boutique energy law firm with three offices in California.

Recently, Ms. O'Hara was recognized as one of *Sacramento Magazine's* 2021 Top Lawyer in the field of Energy & Natural Resources.

Representative Matters

- Advised on interconnection and transmission related to a state-wide infrastructure project, including regulatory, contracting, and coordination with interconnection specialists and legal counsel for utilities, participating transmission owners, balancing authorities, and other entities
- Advised an RTO on interconnection issues and creating systems to track compliance with Tariff provisions
- Primary responsibility for the administration of a \$46 billion portfolio of power contracts including negotiation and amendment of contracts, administration, operations, as well as regulatory and CAISO matters
- Advised on a major utility rate case

Publications

- CARB Releases Draft 2022 Scoping Plan Update, May 13, 2022
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 27, 2020, September 1, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: June 15, 2020, June 16, 2020
- FERC Approves CAISO Off-Peak Deliverability Status Proposal, But Without Crucial Self-Schedule Benefit, *Buchalter Client Alert*, May 19, 2020

- California Public Utilities Commission Adopts New Standard Offer Contract for Qualifying Facilities, *Buchalter Client Alert*, May 7, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: May 1, 2020, May 4, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: April 6, 2020, April 6, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: March 9, 2020, March 9, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: February 3, 2020, February 4, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: January 20, 2020, January 21, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: January 6, 2020, January 6, 2020
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: November 18, 2019, November 25, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: October 21, 2019, October 29, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: September 16, 2019, September 20, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 19, 2019, August 26, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 12, 2019, August 19, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 5, 2019, August 13, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: July 29, 2019, July 29, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: June 21, 2019, June 21, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: May 24, 2019, May 28, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: April 5, 2019, April 8, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: March 22, 2019, March 22, 2019
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: November 5, 2018, November 14, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: October 22, 2018, October 30, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: September 27, 2018, September 25, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: September 24, 2018, September 24, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: September 3, 2018, September 11, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: September 10, 2018, September 10, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 20, 2018, August 28, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 13, 2018, August 20, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: August 6, 2018, August 15, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: July 23, 2018, July 31, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: July 16, 2018, July 24, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: July 9, 2018, July 16, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: June 25, 2018, July 2, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: June 18, 2018, June 26, 2018
- First in Nation: California Energy Commission Adopts Standards Requiring Solar Systems for New Homes, *Buchalter Client Alert*, May 30, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: May 21, 2018, May 21, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: May 14, 2018, May 14, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: May 7, 2018, May 7, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: April 30, 2018, April 30, 2018

- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: April 23, 2018, April 23, 2018
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- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: March 19, 2018, March 19, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: March 12, 2018, March 12, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: March 5, 2018, March 5, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: February 26, 2018, February 26, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: February 19, 2018, February 19, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: February 5, 2018, February 5, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: January 29, 2018, January 29, 2018
- California Energy Regulatory Weekly Update: January 8, 2018, January 8, 2018

Presentations

- Moderator, "Resilience Adaptation and Innovation," Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment 2019 Conference, November 14, 2019

Education

Ms. O'Hara earned her J.D. and B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Bar Admissions

- California

Community

- President, Association of Women in Water, Energy, and Environment
- Board Member, UC Berkeley's International Human Rights Law Clinic
- Member, Energy Bar Association
- Member, Conference of California Public Utility Counsel