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OVERVIEW

Stuart Robbins is an associate in the Environment, Land, and Natural Resources practice group, where he advises clients on regulatory, permitting, compliance, and policy matters across the energy sector, with experience spanning liquefied natural gas (LNG), natural gas infrastructure, electric power, and data center development.

Stuart frequently represents clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). His experience includes guiding clients through the FERC and DOE authorization process for LNG export projects, preparing and managing related regulatory filings, tracking commercial and development milestones for major LNG facilities, defending project authorizations in federal court, and drafting agreements related to natural gas pipelines and related infrastructure.

Stuart also advises on a range of electric regulatory and transactional matters, representing clients before FERC, state public utility commissions (PUCs), and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs). Stuart frequently works on issues related to large-load interconnection, co-location and behind-the-meter arrangements, regulatory compliance, and developments in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) region. His work includes counseling clients on the siting and development of data center facilities and associated energy assets, including evaluating state regulatory frameworks and drafting natural gas supply agreements for hyperscale data centers. His work in the nuclear regulatory space includes assisting clients with the strategic development of project sites.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas, 2026
- Winner, 2025 K&L Gates AI Innovation Hackathon

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Vice Chair, Energy Bar Association, Practices Steering Committee, 2026-Present

- Member, Energy Bar Association (Young Lawyers Council; Practices Steering Committee; Gas, Oil and Liquids Steering Committee)
- Member, DC LGBTQ+ Bar Association, 2024-Present
- Member, K&L Gates AI Power User Group

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, “Ask Me Anything: Career in Energy Law,” Energy Bar Association, Young Lawyers Council, July 2024
- Presenter, “Masters Council Brown Bag Lunch on Interviewing Skills,” Energy Bar Association, Masters Council, February 2024

EDUCATION

- J.D., George Washington University Law School, 2023
- B.A., Amherst College, 2020

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 15 June 2026, Navigating Nuclear: New York and New Jersey
- 31 March 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Highlights From NRC's 2026 Regulatory Information Conference
- 30 March 2026, Request for Comments on Texas PUCT Draft Report Regarding Transmission Cost Recovery in the ERCOT Region
- 28 January 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Tennessee
- 15 January 2026, FERC Orders PJM to Reform Tariff for Co-Located Generation and Load
- 30 October 2025, DOE Directs FERC to Take Action on Large Load Interconnection
- 3 July 2025, FERC and DOE Roll Back NEPA Rules to Accelerate Permitting
- 27 May 2025, Proposed Renewable Regulations in Texas Might Trigger Force Majeure and Change in Law Clauses
- 7 April 2025, Natural Gas Bans: From New York to Washington, Courts Shift the Landscape on Legality of State and Local Gas Bans

- 26 February 2025, FERC Moves Forward Quickly on Generator Co-Location With Large Loads
- 4 February 2025, D.C. Circuit Vacates PHMSA's LNG-by-Rail Rule
- 19 November 2024, Natural Gas Survives Election, Aims to Thrive Post-Election
- 11 November 2024, FERC's Rejection of Data Center Co-Location Amendments to a Pennsylvania Nuclear Power Plant's Interconnection Agreement Raises Big Questions About What's Next
- 28 August 2024, D.C. Circuit Vacates New PHMSA Rules Related to Natural Gas Pipelines
- 16 May 2024, FERC Issues Landmark Transmission Planning Rule, Order No.1920: Final Rule Modifies the Proposed Rule, Drawing 2-1 Vote

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Author, "Report of the Gas, Oil, and Liquids Steering Committee," *Energy Law Journal Vol. 46.2:1*, 2025
- Contributing Author, "Practices Steering Committee Report," *Energy Law Journal Vol. 45:2:1*, 2024
- "[US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Vacates New Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Rules Related to Natural Gas Pipelines](#)," *Pratt's Energy Law Report*, November-December 2024
- "The Federal IT Crisis: Advocating for Digital Governance and the Development of a More Robust Federal Government Cyber Workforce," *52 PUB. CONT. L.J. 157*, 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Hydrogen
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Nuclear Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Power

EMERGING ISSUES

- Data Centers and Energy Intensive Infrastructure

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Power

- Advised on ERCOT-specific regulatory and market issues, including large-load interconnection procedures, transmission cost recovery, PUCT developments, and planning and dispute resolution considerations affecting project development in Texas.
- Assisted with energy regulatory and transactional due diligence for the construction financing of a utility-scale solar project.
- Prepared FERC regulatory filings and advised power sector client on compliance related to Market-Based Rate Authorization (“MBR”) and Exempt Wholesale Generator (“EWG”) status.
- Represented an electric cooperative in FERC proceedings involving transmission formula rate updates, regional transmission issues, and related intervention strategy.
- Advised on community solar and solar subscription matters in multiple states, including analysis of program requirements, subscription structures, renewable energy credit frameworks, and regulatory considerations.
- Assisted a client in evaluating federal funding opportunities and strategies for development of a large-scale industrial campus on the site of a former planned nuclear reactor project.
- Represented a client in an electric rate case proceeding before the Texas Public Utility Commission, including review and preparation of expert testimony regarding the proposed allocation of cost increases among rate classes.
- Advised a client on the various state-level regulatory structures that would impact a co-location arrangement between a generator and data center. Representation included identifying favorable jurisdictions for co-location arrangements.
- Advised a client on various regulatory considerations related to co-location and interconnection and the development of data centers.
- Counseled a client on regulatory updates coming out of FERC regarding cost-allocation considerations.
- Drafted comments on behalf of a battery storage client regarding the adoption of a demand response program in New Jersey and the potential impact on commercial and industrial uses for battery storage devices.
- Assisted a client with drafting and filing annual renewable energy portfolio standards with the California Public Utilities Commissions.

Oil, Gas, and Resources

- Represented US-based developers of LNG export facilities before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Department of Energy (DOE) to obtain project authorizations and defend them in the US Court of Appeals. Provided regulatory and commercial counsel, monitored relevant FERC and DOE updates, and researched authorization timelines to help clients plan strategically and support the long-term export of LNG to global markets.
- Drafted and advised on transportation agreements for a large utility supplying natural gas facility to a planned data center facility.
- Represented a client seeking to use the equivalency and special permit processes at PHMSA to seek authorization for the use of new technology in the LNG export context.
- Prepared and filed comments on behalf of an industry in response to federal agency rulemaking proceedings.
- Advised a client on potential avenues for developing natural gas pipeline systems to meet the growing need for energy to power data centers.
- Prepared compliance training materials for a natural gas shipper covering legal obligations, best practices, and enforcement trends.
- Refined a client's existing pipeline integrity management plan and recommended additional safety measures.
- Analyzed the viability of numerous commercial opportunities for an industrial client seeking to partner with existing and planned hydrogen projects to reduce operational emissions.
- Advised a client on regulatory and policy considerations affecting the development of projects on federal land.