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Carolyn Elefant is the principal attorney of the Law Offices of Carolyn Elefant in Washington D.C. and Maryland, a dynamic law firm representing clients in emerging industries and one of just a handful of woman-owned energy micro-firms. Carolyn founded her firm in 1993, following two years as an attorney-advisor in Washington D.C. and three years as an associate attorney with the Law Offices of Duncan & Allen. From 1998-2006, Carolyn served as of counsel to Attorney Scott Hempling.

Carolyn's practice focuses on two emerging industries: energy and legal technology. On the energy side, Carolyn represents clients on a wide range of energy regulatory, renewables policy and natural gas and hydro siting proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, state commissions, federal district courts and courts of appeal and advises on social media and privacy issues in the utility industry. Carolyn's clients include landowners, municipalities, private renewable developers, trade associations, state commissions and demand response provider. Carolyn's expertise and representative work includes:

Founder & Principal Attorney

- Energy Regulatory
- Transmission
- Renewables
- Gas Pipeline & Hydro Siting
- Federal Eminent Domain
- Offshore wind & MHK
- Social Media Law
- Litigation & Appellate
- Counseling/ethics for energy & law tech companies

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Education:

JD, Cornell Law School 1988
B.A. Brandeis University, 1985,
magna cum laude with honors

Bar Admissions:

District of Columbia
Maryland
New York

- Representation of QFs in PURPA enforcement actions and Section 205 complaints at FERC;
- Preparation of compliance manuals for curtailment service provider participating in PJM and other RTOs;
- Representation of clients in merger cases at FERC and Maryland PSC;
- Representation of trade union in rate cases at Maryland and DC PSC;
- Briefed and/or argued 30 appeals of FERC orders at DC and other federal circuits;
- Successful representation of landowner groups in federal eminent domain proceedings in federal court;
- Representation of landowners and municipalities in certificate proceedings under Section 7 of Natural Gas Act;
- Preparation or CEII and FOIA requests and related litigation at FERC;
- Representation of marine renewable developers in permit and license proceedings
- Monitoring FERC Order No. 1000 and transmission cases (see <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/home/?u=c415dae576d3d706d0444773c&id=758608f5a3> for sample newsletters on Order No. 1000)

Peer reviewed papers or publications on feed-in tariff (sponsored by NREL), commerce clause and RPS (sponsored by CESA), Reviving PURPA's Purpose (sponsored by SACE), Social Media for Utilities (published in Energy Bar Journal) and Predictions on Order No. 1000 (Electricity Journal). Publications are available at carolynelefant.com (sidebar) and

Carolyn is a frequent speaker at bar-sponsored events on both energy and law practice topics. On the energy side, Carolyn has spoken on FERC Order No. 1000, offshore renewable permitting, financial incentives for renewables, landowner rights in the FERC certificate process at conferences sponsored by Woods Hole, the National Academy of Sciences, National Hydropower Association, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, American Wind Energy Association and UNESCO, Paris, France. Carolyn also speaks to bar associations on topics such as the ethics and uses of Social Media, the ethics of retainer agreements and outsourcing. She has spoke at bar association conferences in Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, California and this summer will present in Kentucky and Washington State.

Distinctions:

Energy & Environmental Superlawyer, Washington D.C. (2012, 2013)
American Bar Association Journal, Legal Rebel 2010
Six-time inclusion in ABA Top 100 Blawgs and ABA Hall of Fame Blawger.
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless Five Year Pro Bono Award (1994)
Maryland Daily Record, Influential Marylander (2009)

