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Services and sector groups

- Environmental
- Environmental, Social and Governance
- Energy
- Renewables, Alternative Energy, and Storage

Susan advises businesses and institutions in navigating the complexities of state and federal energy regulation. She focuses on helping clients capitalize on opportunities and mitigate challenges in electric and natural gas markets.

She advises on a wide range of complex transactions, innovative business models, market rule development, regulatory compliance, and litigation. She works regularly with clients in both the public and private sectors on renewable energy transactions, including physical supply facilitated through RTO markets, wholesale and retail behind-the-meter arrangements, and virtual power purchase agreements.

Susan serves a wide range of clients that consume electricity and natural gas, including consumer product manufacturers, steel and cement companies, colleges and universities, and municipal utilities. In the renewable and emerging technologies space, her clients have included solar and battery developers and their off-takers. She translates the complexities of the energy market and regulatory space into actionable guidance, negotiating and preparing bespoke agreements, and securing any necessary approvals.

Experience/Representative Cases

- Manufacturing company: Advised on federal and state energy regulatory compliance, including regional transmission organization requirements, to support the development and operation of a combined heat and power facility.
- Manufacturers, consumer products companies, and educational institutions: Advised on renewable energy strategies, including the negotiation of physical and virtual power purchase agreements.
- Municipal utility: Advised on securing full-requirements electric supply.
- Municipal utility: Developed sustainability strategies and negotiated long-term power purchase agreements.
- Commercial and industrial businesses: Advised on securing competitive electric supply and implementing demand response strategies.
- Commercial landlord: Counseled on regulatory requirements governing the resale of electricity.
- Renewable energy generator: Represented owner in establishing reactive power revenue requirements.
- Regulated businesses: Advised on compliance with state and federal energy requirements, including market-based rate authority under the Federal Power Act and obligations under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act.
- Energy companies: Advised businesses holding federal and state energy licenses on regulatory approvals required for corporate transactions, including approvals under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act.
- Educational institution: Negotiated transactions addressing long-term energy and utility infrastructure needs through private utility service arrangements.
- Statewide coalition of energy-intensive customers: Provides ongoing representation in the PJM stakeholder process and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on market rules, reliability standards, and other energy regulatory and policy matters.

Education

- William & Mary, J.D.
- Duke University, A.B., *cum laude*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- Connecticut Superior Court

Recognition

- Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers, 2027
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Best Lawyers, 2024-present
- 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, *Lawdragon*, 2025
- Energy & Environment Power 100, *City & State Pennsylvania*, 2023
- Women of Influence List, Central Penn Business Journal, 2022
- *Pennsylvania Rising Star*, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*®, 2006
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*®, 2006
- Tribute to Women of Excellence Award, Harrisburg Area YWCA, 2004
- “Forty Under 40”, *Central Penn Business Journal*, 2004

Professional and community involvement

- Energy Bar Association
 - Chair, Electricity Committee, 2019-2019
 - Vice chair, Electricity Committee, 2017-2018
- Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association
 - President, 2026-2027
 - Vice president, 2025-2026
 - Secretary, 2024-2025
 - Grants Committee chair, 2023-2024
 - Board member, 2020-2025
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Public Utility Law Section
- Dauphin County Bar Association, DCBA Equal Professional Opportunity Committee
- East Shore YMCA, Board of Managers, 2003-2009
- Paxton Presbyterian Church, Board of Deacons, former member, moderator, and ruling elder, 2009-2011
- West Shore Symphony Orchestra, 1998-2012, 2017

Speaking engagements

- July 23, 2026 – Commission-Led FERC Technical Conference on PJM Governance and Stakeholder Reforms – Panelist
- May 26, 2026 – Thirty Years of Choice: Pennsylvania’s Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act — Looking Back and Looking Forward – Panelist
- June 4, 2025 – Commission-Led FERC Technical Conference on Meeting the Challenge of Resource Adequacy in Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator, Additional Perspectives on PJM’s Path Forward and the Future of Resource Adequacy in PJM – Panelist