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OVERVIEW

Jennifer Abbey is an associate in the firm's Washington, DC office, where she is a member of the oil, gas, and resources and banking and asset finance groups. She represents energy and financial services companies on a variety of regulatory and finance matters primarily related to the natural gas, liquefied natural gas (LNG), and crude oil industries.

Jennifer advises clients on a range of matters related to the development of natural gas pipeline and LNG export infrastructure pursuant to the Natural Gas Act (NGA). She assists clients with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) policies on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the terms and conditions of service included in pipeline tariffs as well as the Department of Energy's (DOE) LNG licensing requirements. She assists investors exploring M&A opportunities with federal regulatory due diligence and those interested in the impact of the federal regulatory process on the development of energy infrastructure.

Jennifer also represents lenders and borrowers in oil and gas financing transactions for onshore and offshore upstream and midstream oil and gas companies. She has worked on transactions for unsecured, secured, and borrowing base credit facilities, including financing the acquisition of distressed assets.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to law school, Jennifer held a variety of roles at a multinational bank. She spent four years in the bank's London office covering European insurance and real estate corporations. She then spent two years covering middle-market companies in Southern New England.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, 2016 (*magna cum laude*; *Editor-in-Chief, Catholic University Law Review*)
- B.A., Dickinson College, 2007 (*summa cum laude*; *Phi Beta Kappa*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Maryland

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 3 February 2021, Project Finance Will Be Key To Developing Hydrogen Market (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 19 November 2020, Blending Hydrogen Into U.S. Natural Gas Pipelines: Three Issues to Resolve (*BlogPost*)
- 18 June 2020, FERC Commissioner McNamee Will Remain on Commission After Term Ends on June 30th (*BlogPost*)
- 12 March 2020, COVID-19: Federally Regulated Energy Businesses (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 17 February 2020, Certain Uncertainty at FERC: Areas to Watch in 2020 for Natural Gas Pipelines and LNG and Hydropower Facilities (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 26 April 2018, A Policy Revolution to Match the Shale Revolution? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 4 August 2017, FERC Welcomes New Commissioners, Quorum Restored (*BlogPost*)
- 19 December 2016, Antitrust Claims: A Novel Line of Attack by Groups Opposing Natural Gas Infrastructure Projects (*Alerts/Updates*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Project Finance Will Be Key To Developing Hydrogen Market," *Law 360*, 3 February 2021
- "Pipeline Projects Face New Questions On Landowner Rights," *Law360*, 6 November 2019

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Energy Finance
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Power
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Energy

EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Assisted LNG export project developer with the NEPA pre-filing process, including the development of resource reports
- Represents natural gas pipeline customer in FERC Section 4 rate proceedings
- Represents natural gas pipeline customer in FERC proceedings related to the terms and conditions of service on interstate natural gas pipelines
- Represents borrower in the negotiation of borrowing base credit facilities
- Represents borrower in the negotiation of secured credit facilities
- Represents specialty lender in bilateral loans to distressed E&P companies
- Represents lenders in the negotiation of secured credit facilities
- Represents secured interest rate swap counterparty in loan document review
- Represents secured commodity swap counterparty in loan document review
- Represents multinational bank in the review of oil and gas upstream and midstream loan documents.
- Conducts regulatory due diligence for clients interested in acquiring companies with interstate natural gas pipeline assets