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Sarah C. Stoner

MEMBER
CO-CHAIR, REGULATED INDUSTRIES (ENERGY, UTILITIES, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS)

Sarah Stoner has a broad-based regulatory practice, with an emphasis on public utility law and gaming law. She has extensive experience assisting clients with license applications before regulatory bodies, contested enforcement matters, rulemaking proceedings, and regulatory review.

Within the firm's Utilities Group, she represents clients in the energy (natural gas and electricity), water, wastewater, transportation and telecommunications industries. Her experience includes base rate cases, licensing and other application proceedings, regulatory compliance, complaint and investigation proceedings, regulatory approvals for mergers and acquisitions, and policy advocacy. Sarah has represented clients before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJ BPU), the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), and trial and appellate courts in public utility law matters.

Sarah has a wide range of experience serving casino and horse racing licensees, as well as other gaming industry entities. She practices regularly before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) and the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, representing casino and racetrack owners and operators, gaming equipment manufacturers, and vendors. She successfully represented casino applicants in obtaining sports wagering and interactive gaming certificates, guided casinos through the change of control process, commented extensively on the development and promulgation of the PGCB's regulations, addressed numerous policy matters before the Board, and defended clients in enforcement proceedings and negotiated resolutions.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Energy & Utilities

- Routinely represents a variety of electric, gas, water and telecommunications companies as well as municipalities and municipal authorities regarding utility regulatory and policy-oriented matters

- Represents the nation's largest municipally owned natural gas distribution company in regulatory litigation and other matters including base rate cases, consumer complaint cases, and regulatory enforcement proceedings

PRACTICE AREAS:

Energy

Utilities

Gaming

Regulated Substances

Data Centers

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, 2012

B.S., West Chester University of Pennsylvania, 2009

- Assists in representing Pennsylvania's largest PaPUC regulated water/wastewater/stormwater authority in rate proceedings and consumer complaints
- Advises on utility and regulatory issues affecting data center developments, including electric service and water supply
- Represents electric and natural gas suppliers in licensing and regulatory matters, consumer complaint proceedings, enforcement proceedings, and litigation
- Advised on water utilities' lead service line replacement programs and assisted with obtaining approvals from the PaPUC
- Represents bulk water haulers and negotiates wholesale water and wastewater agreements for municipal utilities

Gaming

- Assisted casinos with securing Category 4 (mini-casino) licenses in Pennsylvania
- Advises casinos, retail and online operators, gaming manufacturers, landlords, investors, vendors and other industry participants on complex regulations and licensing requirements
- Obtains regulatory approvals for changes of control and other material transactions

Regulated Substances

- Successfully helped clients obtain Pennsylvania medical marijuana grower/processor, clinical registrant and dispensary permits
- Advises on regulatory matters in the cannabis and hemp industries
- Handles a wide range of liquor law matters and liquor license transfers

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Pennsylvania Bar Association Bar Leadership Institute Class (BLI) for 2020-21
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Public Utility Law Section, Immediate Past Chair
- William W. Lipsitt American Inn of Court, Former Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Market Square Presbyterian Church, Board of Trustees
- Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area, Former Board Member

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers in America 2027 for Energy Law

- Selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – *Rising Stars*, 2023
- Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for Energy Law in 2021 and 2022

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "President Trump Signs Executive Order Directing Rescheduling of Cannabis Under the Federal Controlled Substances Act," Eckert Seamans Regulated Substances Blog, December 19, 2025.
- "Pennsylvania State Attorney General and State Senate Seek Action on Hemp Businesses," Eckert Seamans Regulated Substances Blog, November 2025.
- "Intoxicating Hemp Derivatives: Agricultural Products or Illicit Narcotics?" The Legal Intelligencer, May 18, 2023.
- "Massachusetts Gaming Commission Issues Emergency Privacy and Security Regulations on the Gaming and Sports Betting Industry," Eckert Seamans' Legal Update, February 13, 2023.
- "Pennsylvania PUC Issued Proposed Settlement Agreements with EGSs for Comment," Eckert Seamans' Energy Supplier Litigation Blog, June 1, 2021.
- "Maine PUC Rejects Substantial Proposed Settlement," Eckert Seamans' Energy Supplier Litigation Blog, January 27, 2021.
- "Pennsylvania To Evaluate the Viability of Utility Investment in Energy Storage," Eckert Seamans' Energy & Utilities Blog, January 11, 2021.
- "Does Your Business Record or Monitor Customer Phone Calls for Quality Control or Training Purposes? Why Consent is Key," co-author, Eckert Seamans' Utilities and Telecommunications Alert, April 2013.
- "Judicial Review of Arbitration Awards and Mediation Agreements: Tips for Sustaining Deference," co-authored with Julia Rabich and Nancy Welsh, American Arbitration Association's Dispute Resolution Journal, February/April 2012.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "The Future of Cannabis: Analyzing Trump's Policy Shifts and Their Impact on the Marijuana Industry," co-presenter, The Knowledge Group eLearning CLE, May 22, 2025.
- "Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Program: From Seed to Sale and Beyond," co-presenter, Eckert Seamans' Legal Primer Virtual CLE (Part 3), December 7, 2021.
- "The Cannabis Industry in the Tri-State Area," panelist, Widener Law Review Symposium, March 2019.
- "Separating the Weed from the Chaff" presenter, Dauphin County Bar Association, October 2018.
- "Supreme Court's Recent Sports Betting Decision," presenter, Eckert Seamans' Continuing Legal Education Seminar, August 2018.
- "Wanna Play Fantasy Sports in PA? Not So Fast!" presented to members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, July 2016.

- “Overcoming Obstacles to Success,” panelist, Pennsylvania Bar Association Women in the Profession, November 2013.