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Main Bio

Elizabeth Brereton's practice is concentrated in public utility regulation, energy and environmental law including issues surrounding public utility rate cases, energy resource procurement, nuclear generation and development, state and federal permitting, electric transmission regulation, state regulations affecting the oil and gas industry, and mineral development. She advises clients on the regulatory process, environmental liabilities, critical infrastructure security and developing internal compliance strategies. Elizabeth's background as a regulator, and her experience with regulatory agencies, allows her to help her clients navigate complex regulatory processes and develop effective litigation strategies. In addition, Elizabeth has a unique perspective on developing and implementing cyber security best practices due to her past focus on electric grid cyber security.

Education

- Emory University School of Law (J.D., 2009)
- Wellesley College (B.A., Economics, 2003)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Commercial Real Estate Women Network, Utah Chapter (CREW Utah)
- Women Lawyers of Utah
- Salt Lake County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- The Energy Bar Association
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Biggest Energy Regulatory Moves Of 2018: Midyear Report](#)," Quoted, Law360 (June 22, 2018)
- "[Seeing The Light: State utility regulators finding their way to resolve the net metering debate](#)," Author, Utah Business (March 2017)
- "Cybersecurity: A Mid-Year Update," Co-Presenter, Association of Corporate Counsel Mountain West Chapter Lunch and Learn (May 5, 2016)
- "[Cyber Security: Are Four-Letter Words Enough?](#)" Author, Public Utilities Fortnightly (October 2015)

Community Involvement

- Junior League of Salt Lake City, Community Advisory Board
- Wellesley College Club, President (2016)
- March of Dimes, Utah Market Board (2016-present)

Other Professional Experience

- Western Electric Coordinating Council, Enforcement Case Manager (2010-2014)
- Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (CACE), Student Attorney (Ad hoc Counsel) (2008-2010)
- Turner Environmental Law Clinic, Lead Student Attorney (2007-2009)
- U.S. House of Representatives, Legislative Intern for Congressman Jim Matheson (2007)
- State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Public Utilities, Utility Analyst (2004-2006)

Bar Admissions

- Utah

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Utah
- United States District Court, District of Utah