

# Snell & Wilmer

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### Main Bio

Shawane Lee represents public utilities and other companies in matters before governmental and regulatory agencies, including Public Utility Commissions. With over 13 years of experience as in-house counsel and 6 years of experience as a litigator, Shawane leverages her extensive industry knowledge to provide clients creative, strategic, and comprehensive regulatory law and litigation representation.

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Shawane served as in-house counsel for Southern California Gas Company, the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility and PECO Energy Company, Pennsylvania's largest electric and natural gas utility. Shawane advised company leadership and stakeholders through a wide range of subject matters, including climate change adaptation, emergency disaster relief, tribal affairs, COVID-19 pandemic regulatory requirements, customer complaint cases, and policy implications associated with electric and gas utilities. Shawane has participated as first chair counsel in numerous California Public Utility Commission and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission proceedings including rate cases, formal complaints, rulemakings, and policy dockets.

An experienced regulatory lawyer, Shawane handles the following on behalf of utilities and major corporations:

- Rate Cases
- Customer Complaint cases
- Public Utility Commission proceedings
- Application filings
- Tariff filings
- Complex Customer Billing and Tariff Analysis
- Regulatory Compliance
- Smart Meter Litigation
- Low-income Energy Assistance programs
- Compliance Audits
- Regulatory Risk

Shawane is also highly experienced in litigating premise liability, product liability, and toxic tort matters and has first and second chaired State Court jury trials to verdict.

Shawane is admitted to practice in Arizona, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

## Representative Experience

- Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company Test Year 2024 General Rate Case (Customer Programs and Gas Engineering).
- Southern California Gas Company's 2021-2026 Low Income Application filing.
- Co-chaired PECO Energy Company's Smart Meter Health Effects cases before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.
- First chaired 1,100 customer complaint matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.
- Co-chaired a toxic tort jury trial in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas on behalf of a national gasket manufacturer resulting in a defense verdict.

## Education

- Temple University, Beasley School Law (J.D.)
  - Dean's List
  - Outstanding Oral Appellate Advocate
- University of Maryland (B.S., Business)
  - Dean's List

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Urban League Leadership Forum – Class of 2017
- Energy Bar Association

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Environment & Climate Change Law 2024](#)," Co-Author, Global Legal Group (March 12, 2024)
- "[SEC Revises \(and Weakens\) Climate Disclosure Rules](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Environmental, Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Law Blog (March 8, 2024)
- "[Navigating the FTC Green Guides and Renewable Energy Claims](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (December 13, 2023)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- Philadelphia Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition (2010 and 2011)

## Community Involvement

- Peace Corps of the United States of America, Togo, West Africa, Peace Corps Volunteer (1994 - 1996)

## Previous Professional Experience

- Southern California Gas Company, Regulatory Law Group, Senior Counsel (2019-2023)
- PECO Energy Company, Regulatory Law Group, Assistant General Counsel (2011-2019)

- Clemente Mueller, Of Counsel (2009-2011)
- Weber Gallagher, Litigation Associate (2006 – 2009)
- Judicial Law Clerk, The Honorable Marlene F. Lachman, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Civil Division (2005-2006)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Arizona
- District of Columbia
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Minnesota
- Supreme Court of New Jersey
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania