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Energy & Natural Resources; Corporate Law



Gwenneth O'Hara is Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Practice Group and a member of the Firm's Corporate Practice Group. Ms. O'Hara advises public and private entities with large infrastructure projects, and advises on all aspects of public contracting. Ms. O'Hara assists clients with contract administration and development of form RFPs and PPAs, incorporating current state contracting requirements. She also assists clients with negotiation and drafting of interconnection, transmission, energy, gas and related contracts and custom bilateral arrangements. In addition, Ms. O'Hara represents clients at the CPUC, CAISO, FERC, CARB, and CEC. She also represents airports, cities, counties, and state agencies as bond and disclosure counsel.

Representative representations include:

- Primary responsibility for the administration of a \$46 billion portfolio of public power contracts, including negotiation and amendment of contracts, administration, operations, as well as regulatory and finance matters.
- Advising a California state agency on a \$15 billion infrastructure project to build two large, four-story tall tunnels to carry potable water from the Sacramento River to the Central Valley, including regulatory issues, contracting, and coordination with other stakeholders.

Advising a Regional Transmission Operator (RTO) on interconnection issues and creating systems to track compliance with tariff provisions.

Prior to joining Buchalter, Ms. O'Hara was the founding member of a boutique law firm with three offices in California. She is the President of the Association of Women in Water, Energy, and Environment and currently serves on the board of UC Berkeley's International Human Rights Law Clinic. Ms. O'Hara is a member of the Energy Bar Association and the Conference of California Public Utility Counsel.

Ms. O'Hara received her J.D. and B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Ann Springgate is Special Counsel in Buchalter's Corporate and Energy and Natural Resources Practice Groups. Ms. Springgate's practice focuses on project finance, public policy development, and regulatory compliance, particularly relating to energy and infrastructure projects. She has advised public and private entities on a wide variety of contracts and financial transactions, including public-private partnerships, asset-based and project financings, stock and asset purchases, mergers and acquisitions, and secured and unsecured credit facilities.

Prior to joining Buchalter, Ms. Springgate represented clients at AmLaw 100 Firms, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Judicial Council of California. Ms. Springgate received the FEMA Office of General Counsel Award for Excellence and several Judicial Council Legal Division quarterly awards.

Representative Experience

- serving as lead counsel to a California public agency on a unique public-private partnership for the design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of a large courthouse in Long Beach, California. The project agreement has a term of 35 years with a net present value of \$725 million;
- while with Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, advised senior management of federal and state agencies in Louisiana following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. With team, spearheaded unprecedented disaster recovery initiatives under tight deadlines relating to large-scale infrastructure projects, including roads, canals, and civic facilities, among others;
- drafting, negotiating and advising private sector clients on complex contracts for construction of major manufacturing facilities, including project and asset-based financings and debt offerings; and
- advising a California state agency on the development of utility-scale renewable energy projects, including power purchase agreements and shared facility arrangements, the procurement process, and drafting and reviewing solicitation documents and selection criteria.

Education

Ms. Springgate earned her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law in 1987, her LL.M. from the University of Cambridge in 1989, and her B.A. from the University of California, Davis.

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Meghan Cox is an Attorney in Buchalter's Corporate and Energy and Natural Resources Practice Groups. She advises clients on major energy and infrastructure project development, including negotiating land rights agreements, interconnection agreements and shared facilities agreements, and navigating state and federal regulations and CEQA requirements.

Ms. Cox represents public entities, corporations, electric service providers, public interest groups, and a regional independent system operator. She has extensive experience advising clients on regulatory issues and appears before the California Public Utilities Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, California Air Resources Board, and the California Energy Commission, among others.

Prior to law school, Ms. Cox served as a budget analyst at the California State Treasurer's Office.

Education

Ms. Cox earned her J.D. in 2009, with distinction, from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. While in law school, Ms. Cox was admitted to the Traynor Honor Society, earned the Witkin Award for academic excellence, and was a Sacramento County Bar Association Diversity Fellow. Ms. Cox earned her B.A. in History from California State University, Sacramento in 2004.

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