



Emily C. Deans

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Emily C. Deans represents clients such as telecommunications companies and commercial businesses before state regulatory agencies, including the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and the Connecticut Siting Council, and local land use boards. Emily also monitors and reports on regulatory developments in the energy and utilities field throughout New England. She represents clients in the areas of environmental law, telecommunications law, and retail energy supply and utility regulatory law.

Energy

Emily assists a range of clients, including electric suppliers, by providing guidance on energy regulation, energy transactions, and regulatory compliance. She monitors and reports on regulatory developments in the energy and utilities field throughout New England. She assists with the representation of retail competitive electricity suppliers in proceedings before regulatory authorities, including the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

Telecommunications

Emily represents clients in the area of telecommunications facility siting. She appears regularly before the Connecticut PURA and the Connecticut Siting Council in addition to other state administrative agencies and local land use boards related to telecommunications facility siting matters.

Enforcement Defense

Emily represents clients who are facing government enforcement actions under federal and state environmental laws. She represents companies before various state administrative agencies, such as the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. She recently counseled a metal fabrication client in defense of a state enforcement action over alleged violations of hazardous waste and used oil requirements.

Environmental Remediation

Emily counsels clients involved in multi-party Superfund sites. She recently assisted a client in the preparation of a position statement regarding the methodology that should be used to determine the allocation of costs among Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) at a Superfund site.

Land Use

Emily handles planning and zoning permits and applications, helping clients secure the necessary approvals for their projects from local land use boards. She recently helped a Connecticut-based manufacturer successfully secure a variance from a local zoning board of appeals.

Pro Bono

Poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking in Africa have threatened endangered species such as elephants and rhinos. Emily is part of a team of firm lawyers involved in a pro bono project aimed at helping Namibia's Legal Assistance Centre improve the country's wildlife conservation laws and strengthen their enforcement. Emily researched United States federal laws concerning the protection of endangered and threatened species, including the Endangered Species Act, and prohibitions on international trade in endangered and threatened species, such as the Lacey Act, to assist in developing a proposal for legislative reforms to change Namibia's current legislative framework.

Emily was selected among the 30 members of the 2022 Leadership Fairfield County class, hosted by the Stamford Partnership. While in law school, Emily was the symposium editor of the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* and president of the Energy and Environmental Law Society. She was awarded the UConn Law Alumni Association's Thomas F. Gallivan, Jr. Memorial Prize for outstanding scholastic achievement in property law. She also received CALI awards in Land Use and Land Use Practicum.

Services

- Environmental, Energy + Telecommunications
- Brownfields + Redevelopment
- Energy - Competitive Markets
- Site Investigation + Remediation
- Telecommunications
- Water
- Transactions + Due Diligence
- Administrative Law
- Energy - Project Development
- Environmental Compliance + Permitting
- Workplace Health + Safety
- Crisis Planning + Management

Industries

- Energy

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (Juris Doctor)
 - Certificate in Energy and Environmental Law
- Williams College (Bachelors)
 - B.A., Political Science

Admissions

- State of Connecticut

Recognitions

2022 Leadership Fairfield County, hosted by the Stamford Partnership

Recognized as a New Leader in the Law by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2022

Selected by her peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the area of Energy Law since 2023

Selected as a Rising Star in the Connecticut *Super Lawyers* list from 2018 to 2025

Named to the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) First 100 Plus Class of 2018 for demonstrating leadership and commitment to improving the lives of domestic violence survivors throughout Connecticut

Leadership + Memberships

Environmental Business Council of New England

Leadership Team, Water Resources Committee

New England Women in Energy and the Environment

Co-Chair, Western New England Chapter

Connecticut Bar Association

Energy, Public Utility, and Communications Law Section

Executive Committee (term end 2025)

Treasurer (2018 - 2019)

Environmental Law Section

American Bar Association

Connecticut Business & Industry Association

Energy and Environment Council

Connecticut Environmental Forum

Board of Directors

President (2022 - 2025)

Vice President (2021)

Junior League of Stamford Norwalk

Membership Committee

Communications Committee (2022-2024)