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OVERVIEW

Alaina believes this is a time rife with change in the renewable energy sector, full of responsibilities, challenges and opportunities for clients.

Prior to joining the firm's Energy & Natural Resources group, Alaina worked in the Oversight & Enforcement Division (O&E) and in the Legal Division of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), representing PUCT before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in various matters, including enforcement, as well as in hearings before PUCT administrative law judges. As part of her O&E role, she initiated Commission investigations into regulated entities that violated statute and Commission rules. She also worked in tandem with the Attorney General's office by referring violations for civil enforcement and serving as a resource for O&E-referred matters. Clients value Alaina's unique experience and knowledge of regulatory matters as she guides them in navigating permits, power purchase agreements, and shared utility agreements within and beyond Texas.

Alaina is known as a thoughtful legal researcher and analyst, willing to ask the right questions and work collaboratively to find solutions that address long-term strategy. She understands that industry conversations on renewable power are both exciting and complex, and she aims to keep clients in the loop, creating best possible outcomes for their projects and businesses.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Electric Transmission

Energy Regulation

Energy Storage

Hydrogen

Solar Energy

Wind Energy

Experience

- Served on developer's counsel team for Swift Current in bringing a 260 MW solar project located in Southeast Texas online.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Energy Law, 2023 and 2024
- State Agency Council Appointee, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law
 - *Texas Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy*, Associate Editor
 - Chicano/Hispanic Law Students' Association
 - Richard and Ginni Mithoff Pro Bono Service Award
- B.A., University of Missouri
 - Journalism
 - Multicultural Certificate
 - Hispanic-American Leadership Organization
 - Kappa Tau Alpha

Admissions

- Texas



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