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Overview

Energy-sector clients rely on Hanna to navigate the regulatory environment. She represents those clients before energy-regulatory commissions and in court and offers sage advice about building grid infrastructure, setting utility rates and engaging in important transactions.

With clients ranging from major investor-owned utilities to new ventures, Hanna devises innovative regulatory solutions for integrating electric vehicles, distributed energy resources, battery storage systems, microgrids and other new and emerging technologies into the grid. She helps clients evaluate how these technologies fit into the existing regulatory structure and secure necessary regulatory approvals. In addition, Hanna serves as lead outside counsel on rate-related matters for utility clients, including formula rate cases, performance-based rate making and multiyear rate plans.

Hanna is especially effective because she clearly understands the technological, financial and accounting details that drive her clients' decision-making. Working closely with in-house legal teams, subject-matter experts and business-side decision-makers, she has the necessary 360-degree perspective and client-specific knowledge to create compelling arguments in litigation.

Before joining Benesch, Hanna worked at Jenner & Block LLP and two boutique law firms focused on serving energy and utility clients.

Representative Matters

- Represented ComEd in litigating a request for regulatory approval of its first-ever Multi-Year Integrated Grid Plan, and a corresponding Multi-Year Rate Plan. Together, the plans detail every dollar the company plans to invest in providing electric delivery service over the next 4 years. In addition to ComEd, the case involved 12 parties. A total of 61 expert witnesses offered testimony, including 17 witnesses on behalf of ComEd. The regulator - the Illinois Commerce Commission - approved a $595 million increase in ComEd's revenue requirement and a $3.57 billion increase in rate base over the 4-year period. These figures represent approximately 88% of the values ComEd sought as of the close of the evidence, despite an extremely challenging regulatory environment. The market reacted very positively to the news, causing a marked increase in the value of ComEd's parent company, Exelon.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2012, J.D.
  - President of the Environmental Law Society
- University of Colorado, 2009, BA
  - With Honors

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Memberships

- Energy Bar Association Midwest Chapter, President and Board of Directors
- Chicago Bar Association, Energy, Telecommunications and Water Committee, Former President

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Chambers USA Band 2, Energy & Natural Resources, 2026
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers®* Ones to Watch, Energy Law, 2026
- Named, Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under, 2025-2026
- Listed, Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, 2025
- Listed, Chambers USA, *Up and Coming*, Energy & Natural Resources: Regulatory (Illinois), 2022-2025

- Listed, *Crain's Chicago Business,* Notable Leaders in Accounting, Consulting & Law, 2024
- Listed, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin,* Top Women in Law, 2024

News & Insights

- Benesch Partners Hanna Conger and Caitlin Kovacs Named to 2026 Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under List
  August 13, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Four Benesch Partners Named to 2025 Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under List
  August 13, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- Lawdragon Names Benesch Partner Hanna Conger Among Leading Energy Lawyers of 2025
  April 30, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partner Hanna Conger Named to Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Media's 2024 Top Women in Law
  December 4, 2024 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partners Hanna Conger, Christopher Grohman and Juan Morado Jr. Named Crain's Chicago Notable Leaders in Law
  September 9, 2024 | Press Releases
- 40 Benesch Attorneys and 15 Practices Recognized by Chambers USA 2024, One Attorney Ranked Globally
  June 6, 2024 | Press Releases
- Hanna Conger and John E. Rooney mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  March 18, 2024 | Media Mentions

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Current Issues in Transmission Planning | Hanna Conger
  April 2, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Formation and Functions of Regional Transmission Organizations | Hanna Conger
  April 8, 2024 | Speaking Engagement