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Overview

Kari has experience representing electric utilities and gas utilities before state regulatory commissions in a variety of proceedings, including electric security plans, grid modernization plans, distribution rate case proceedings, power siting board certificate approvals, tariff/rider approval proceedings, and complaint cases. She regularly advises clients on energy industry transactions with a special focus on regulatory compliance and licensing matters and has extensive experience working with competitive retail suppliers in multiple states including Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Texas.

She earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Capital University Law School in 2017 and her B.S. from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University in 2008. While attending Capital University Law School, Kari was a staff member and published author of the *Capital University Law Review*, a mentee with the Ohio Women's Bar Association Mentoring Program and a peer coordinator for the Cap Law Peer Advisor Program.

Kari previously completed externships with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the OhioHealth Office of the General Counsel.

Representative Matters

- Represented AEP Ohio in obtaining PUCO approval to install behind-the-meter fuel cell generation assets at Amazon and Cologix data centers, the first approval permitting an Ohio utility to install behind-the-meter generation at a customer's location. Successfully defended the approval on appeal, which was voluntarily dismissed before oral argument at the Ohio Supreme Court.

- 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

- Capital University Law School, 2017, J.D., *summa cum laude*
- The Ohio State University, 2008, B.S.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Memberships

- Board Trustee, Mid-Ohio Water & Sewer District

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2021 – 2023, 2025

Beyond the office

Favorite Quote:

Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake.

Hobbies:

Fitness, reading, American history.

Favorite Vacation:

Concord, Massachusetts

News & Insights

- 48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- 49 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  December 17, 2024 | Press Releases
- 41 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2024 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  December 31, 2023 | Press Releases
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Named 2023 Ohio Super Lawyers; 24 Named Ohio Rising Stars
  December 21, 2022 | Press Releases
- Benesch's Columbus Office is Pleased to Welcome 13 Exceptionally Talented New Attorneys
  June 7, 2021 | Press Releases
- Alexander, Keaney, and Hehmeyer mentioned in Middle Market Report | "Midsize Moves: An Ohio Energy Team, a Former USPTO GC in DC"
  December 21, 2020 | Media Mentions
- Alexander, Keaney, and Hehmeyer mentioned in Law360 | "Benesch Boosts Its Energy Practice With Ex-Calfee Attys"
  December 16, 2020 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Adds Four to Energy Practice in Columbus Office
  December 14, 2020 | Press Releases
- 19 Benesch Attorneys Named 2021 Ohio Super Lawyers; 19 Named Ohio Rising Stars
  December 8, 2020 | Press Releases