



## *Bonnie L. Heiple*

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Bonnie Heiple focuses her practice on environmental, energy and natural resources law. She advises clients on a wide range of litigation and transactional matters, and provides strategic counsel on project development and compliance with federal and state requirements.

Ms. Heiple represents clients in civil and administrative investigations and enforcement proceedings, including leadership roles in large multi-party Superfund PRP defense groups. Recent engagements include:

- defending a major national research facility against an EPA investigation following a multi-media inspection;
- representing a consortium of state agencies in a controversial administrative litigation involving a nuclear power plant and a myriad of stakeholders; and
- representing a global electronics manufacturer in an OSHA proceeding and advising the company on environmental health and safety requirements.

In the energy and natural resources space, Ms. Heiple counsels developers and project proponents in all phases of project development and interfaces with local, state and federal agencies. That work includes assisting ski areas in implementing development plans and negotiating conservation and other land use agreements. She recently secured approvals for the largest renewable energy generation facility on a Region I Superfund site and for the largest wind energy generation facility in Colorado.

### *Experience*

Before joining WilmerHale, Ms. Heiple practiced at a Connecticut law firm, where she counseled clients in all areas of environmental and regulatory law, including representing utility companies (traditional and renewable energy, water and telecommunications) in connection with compliance issues, siting proceedings and investigations by administrative agencies.

Ms. Heiple also worked for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, and

served as a Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

## *Professional Activities*

Ms. Heiple is the Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Energy Infrastructure, Siting, and Reliability Committee, and currently serves in the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources 2017-2018 Leadership Program. She serves on the Board of Editors of the *Boston Bar Journal*, as well as the Boards of Young Professionals in Energy and the American Lung Association (Massachusetts). She recently concluded a two-year term as the co-chair of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Committee of the Environmental Law Section at the Boston Bar Association. She is a member of the Boston, Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut Bar Associations.

Ms. Heiple is active at her alma mater, the Boston University School of Law, where she mentors first-year law students and serves as a moot court judge, among other engagements.

Within the firm, Ms. Heiple serves on the steering committee of the Women's Leadership Initiative.

## *Speaking Engagements*

Ms. Heiple served as a panelist at the 2018 "Future in the Sciences" event at Northeastern University.

Ms. Heiple chaired a panel at the Women in Energy and Infrastructure—Powering the Future Conference, which took place in November 2017 in Washington, D.C., regarding the future of U.S. energy development.

In June 2016, Ms. Heiple co-chaired a Climate Change Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program at the Boston Bar Association.

Ms. Heiple presented a round-up of important regulatory developments at the Northeast Gas Association Executive Conference in September 2015.

She was a panelist at an EPA Region I roundtable entitled "Renewable Energy on Contaminated Properties in Massachusetts" in November 2014.

In September 2013, Ms. Heiple presented a seminar entitled "Siting Solar on Landfills," sponsored by the Boston Bar Association's Energy & Telecommunications Law and Hazardous & Solid Waste committees.

She frequently coordinates and moderates panels and presentations at the Boston Bar Association.

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## *Solutions*

Energy, Environment and  
Natural Resources

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## *Recognition*

- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2018–2019 editions of the *Best Lawyers in America* for her administrative/regulatory law and environmental law practices
  - Named a *Massachusetts Super Lawyers* “Rising Star” in the 2013–2018 editions of *Boston Magazine*
  - Selected as a *Super Lawyers*’ 2016 and 2017 “Top Women Attorneys in Massachusetts—Rising Star” in *Boston Magazine*
  - Recognized by the New York Bar Association as a 2014 Empire State Counsel honoree for pro bono service
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## *Credentials*

### **EDUCATION**

JD, Boston University School  
of Law, 2008

*Editor, Boston University Public  
Interest Law Journal*

BA, English and Environmental  
Law, Bucknell University, 2005

*magna cum laude*

### **ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts

New York

Connecticut