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## SUMMARY

Beth provides external regulatory and general counsel and strategic, legal, policy and compliance services to environmentally-minded clients as the owner of the Law Office of Elizabeth Kelly, a General Order 156 certified woman-owned business. Formerly, Beth served as General Counsel for MCE, the first Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) in California. She was one of the three staff members that took MCE from its formation to a \$380 million per year operation serving customers with clean energy choices. She is a passionate supporter of libraries, literacy and education.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted in California (268401) and New York (4488938).

## EXPERIENCE

### **Law Office of Elizabeth Kelly, San Francisco, CA**

**2019 – Present**

*Owner*

Provides strategic, legal and policy services to mission-driven nonprofits and public agencies. Advises and represents clients before the California Public Utilities Commission on a wide range of complex policy matters, including energy efficiency, renewable natural gas, gas system planning, cost of capital and other matters. Provides legal and strategic guidance regarding transactional, legal, and programmatic client matters. Provided strategic advisory services to a consortium of general counsel on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company bankruptcy.

### **Briscoe Ivester & Bazel LLP, San Francisco, CA**

**2018 – 2019**

*Partner*

Represented public and private clients on legal, regulatory and compliance matters. Represented a consortium before the California Public Utilities Commission on Senate Bill 237 implementation regarding the expansion of direct access. Served as lead strategy counsel for a consortium of energy general counsel related to the Pacific Gas and Electric bankruptcy.

### **MCE, San Rafael, CA**

**2009 – 2018**

*General Counsel (2012-2018)*

*Project Manager and Regulatory and Legislative Counsel (2009-2012)*

Served as chief legal officer of green energy provider to customers in Marin, Napa, Contra Costa and Solano Counties, with over \$380 million in annual revenue. Held primary responsibility for legal, compliance, policy, privacy, confidentiality, municipal law, employment law, litigation and other matters. Directed strategic partnership and opportunity development for community choice aggregation (CCA), leading collaborations with energy, environmental, equity and other organizations to drive strategic interventions at regulatory agencies and the legislature. Served as key member of leadership team, including: Risk Management Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Chief Operating Officer Search Committee. Instrumental in the following accomplishments:

- Shepherded MCE through its launch and infancy, increasing customer accounts from 8,000 at launch to over 250,000.
- Successfully fought to achieve passage of Senate Bill 790 (CCA Bill of Rights).
- Successfully fought to defeat Assembly Bill 2145, which would have limited the rights of CCA in California.
- Filed the first CCA application for energy efficiency funding in the state and secured over \$10 million for MCE energy efficiency programs.

**White & Case LLP, New York, NY**

**2006 – 2008**

*Associate*, Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance Practice Group

Represented sponsors, commercial and multilateral financial institutions in international energy, infrastructure and project finance transactions, including: Fortis and Calyon in a 242 MW coal-fired power plant project in Chile; Goldman Sachs for a 30-year, \$4.1 billion public-private partnership concession to build and operate toll roads in Mexico; and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in an upstream concession arrangement in the Neutral Zone shared by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

**New York University Office of Legal Counsel, New York, NY**

**2005 – 2006**

*Law Clerk*

Addressed fair use and First Amendment questions. Drafted policies on releases and photocopying and electronic reserves. Drafted form release and form cease and desist letter. Performed legal research and prepared memoranda regarding privacy breaches, non-profit organization-related issues related to donations, and various labor and employment matters.

**Pacific Economics Group, Madison, Wisconsin**

**2002 – 2003**

*Intern*

Analyzed data to determine performance-based regulation standards and benchmarking for energy utilities. Prepared Spanish-language marketing materials regarding econometric services.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

**San Francisco Women General Counsel Network Circle**

**2018 – present**

*Founder*

**Friends of the San Francisco Public Library**

**2017 – 2020**

*Former Chair*

EDUCATION

**New York University School of Law, New York, NY**

**J.D. 2006**

- Activities: Journal of International Law and Politics (JILP), Developments Editor
- Honors: JILP Alumni Prize, for the greatest contribution to JILP by a third-year editor

**University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI**

**B.A. 2003**

- Comprehensive Honors in four majors: Economics, International Relations, Spanish, and Political Science
- Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*; F. Chandler Young Distinguished Senior Honors Student Award

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- 2018 National Association of Women Lawyers General Counsel Institute, Member of Planning Committee and Workshops Subcommittee
- 2017 National Association of Women Lawyers General Counsel Institute, Member of Planning Committee, Workshops Subcommittee, and Logistics Subcommittee.
- 2016 CAISO EIM Governing Body Nominating Committee, Public Interest and Consumer Advocate Committee Member
- 2015 CAISO Board of Governors Nominee Review Committee, End User and Retail Provider Committee Member

## SELECT SPEECHES AND PANELS

- Kelly, Elizabeth. *Lawyers at Risk: Depression and Substance Abuse*. Napa County Women Lawyers. 9 June 2021.
- Kelly, Elizabeth, Hansen, Hon. Bev, Mills, Danielle, Berlin, Susie (mod.). *Navigating Transitions*. Women EmPOWERed. California Women in Energy. 12 December 2017.
- Kelly, Elizabeth, Bethel, Pamela E., Heckel Kuhlmann, Sherri, Busch, Gretchen M. (mod.). *We're All in This Together: Innovative Ways to Partner with Your Outside Counsel to Achieve Better Results, Enhance Your Team's Skills, and Reduce Outside Counsel Costs*. National Association of Women Lawyers, General Counsel Institute.
- Kelly, Elizabeth, Pepper, Jan, Whiteman, Deborah, and Hale, Barbara (mod.). *Public Power and Community Energy: Rising to Today's Challenges*. Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment, San Francisco, CA. 23 October 2017.
- Kelly, Elizabeth, Combs, Janet, Randolph, Edward, and Goldberg, Leah (mod.). *Community Choice Aggregation: A New Approach to Providing Electricity in California*. The Future of Energy 2030: Policies and Technologies Affecting Electricity Distribution and Generation. California Bar Environmental Law Section, Los Angeles, CA. 12 April 2017.
- Kelly, Elizabeth. *Community Choice Legal Foundations*. Continuing Legal Education Speaker. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), San Francisco, CA. 18 August 2016.
- Kelly, Elizabeth and Syphers, Geof. *Community Choice Energy: Critical Issues, State Policy, and Next Steps for Accelerated Adoption*. Business of Local Energy Symposium. Center for Climate Protection, Petaluma, CA. 23 October 2014.
- Kelly, Elizabeth. *Beyond Cap-and-Trade: Alternative Carbon Reduction Measures*. California Carbon Policy Impacts on Western Power Markets. EUCI, San Francisco, CA. 27 January 2014.
- Kelly, Elizabeth. *Cross-Cutting Regulatory Challenges: A Solutions Discussion*, 2013 National CCA Summit. Local Energy Aggregation Network (LEAN Energy US), Chicago, IL. 11 November 2013.