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Annie Cook represents oil and gas pipeline, terminal and LNG clients across the United States on traditional and renewable energy, transportation and safety-related legal matters at the federal, state and local levels. With a particular acumen for technical issues which has garnered the respect of both clients and regulators alike, Annie regularly advises on pipeline regulatory compliance and enforcement defense matters, including with respect to energy transition issues such as carbon dioxide and hydrogen, ranging from construction, operations, maintenance, incident response, to security. Annie has assisted clients in successfully challenging administrative agency actions at the administrative and federal appellate level and she is regularly involved with legislative and regulatory rulemaking advocacy. Along with her team, Annie has managed confidential investigations and compliance audits, including criminal investigations led by the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General, to favorable resolutions.

Industries

[Energy](#)

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Practices

[Energy Regulatory](#)

[Pipeline and LNG Safety and Regulation](#)

[Litigation](#)

[Oil & Gas](#)

[Midstream Transactions](#)

[Biomass](#)

Credentials

Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2008, *with honors*
- Kenyon College, B.A., 2003, *magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- District of Columbia

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Affiliations

- Energy Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Law, Section on Administrative Law
- State Bar of Georgia, Environmental Law and Real Property Sections
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Board of Directors

Chambers Global

- Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), 2024

Chambers USA

- Nationwide Energy: PHMSA Specialists, 2024 – 2025
- Nationwide Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), 2023

The Legal 500 United States

- Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas, 2023 – 2025
- Environment: Regulatory, 2023
- Environment: Transactional, 2023

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC

- *Benchmark Litigation*, 40 & Under Hot List, 2020-2021
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Future Star, 2022

Emory University School of Law

- *Emory Law Journal*, Managing Editor

Resources

TSA Revises Cybersecurity Directive for Critical Pipeline and LNG Facilities

Update

PHMSA Informational Meeting on Upcoming Leak Detection Inspections

Blog Post

Many Await Updates to Existing CO₂ Pipeline Safety Regulations

Article

Publications & Speeches

Publications:

- “PHMSA Update,” Moderator, AOPL Legal Committee Meeting (annually).
- “Legal Roundtable: Pipeline Safety Legal Issues Breakfast Roundtable,” Moderator, AOPL Annual Business Conference (annually).
- “Many Await Updates to Existing CO₂ Pipeline Safety Regulations,” *Oil and Gas Investor*, January 2025.
- “Natural Gas Connect Legal Roundtable: PHMSA Updates,” Speaker, Southern Gas Association Natural Gas Connect Academy, 2019 and 2020.
- “Final Liquid Pipeline Rule Emphasizes New Safety Requirements,” *Law360*, October 24, 2019.
- “House and Senate Pipeline Bills: Ships Passing in the Night,” *Law360*, August 20, 2019.
- “When Defendants Invoke ‘Necessity’ in Pipeline Sabotage,” *Law360*, May 24, 2018.
- “Oil and Gas Pipeline Industry in an Evolving Legal Landscape,” *Trends*, American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, September/October 2017.

Presentations:

- “Lifecycle of PHMSA Enforcement,” LEPA 2023 Annual Business Conference, September 2023.
- “PHMSA Inspections and Enforcement: Insights and Updates,” LEPA 2022 Annual Business Conference, September 2022.
- “Regulatory Updates,” API/AOPL Annual Legal Committee Meeting (May 2020).
- “Legal Roundtable: PHMSA Regulatory Updates,” Association of Oil Pipelines Annual Business Conference (Sep. 2019).
- “Legal Roundtable: PHMSA Key Developments,” Natural Gas Connect (Jul. 2019).
- “Legal Roundtable,” AOPL Annual Business Conference (Sep. 2018).
- “Legal Roundtable,” API/AOPL Annual Legal Committee Meeting (May 2018).
- “Natural Gas Pipeline Infrastructure for Market Expansion: Regulatory and Political Landscape,” Southern States Energy Board 57th Annual Meeting, Exploring the New Vision for America’s Energy Economy (Sep. 2017).
- “Legal Roundtable,” AOPL Annual Business Conference (Sep. 2017).

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- "Survey of Pipeline Permitting Issues," AOPL Annual Business Conference (Sep. 2017).
- "Recent Updates and Developments in Legal Ethics Relevant to the Oil and Gas Industry," AOPL Annual Business Conference (Sep. 2017).