

Cydney Beadles **New Mexico Clean Energy Manager/Senior Attorney**



As the clean energy manager at Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Cydney Beadles leads the organization's clean energy efforts in New Mexico. In this capacity, Beadles represents WRA in proceedings before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission; actively participates in litigation and rulemakings related to energy issues; helps to craft and lobby for needed legislation and much more; all to advance WRA's energy policy goals that will reduce carbon emissions from electric generation through improved efficiency and increased production of clean and renewable energy.

With more than 30 years of experience in law, especially her focus on public utility regulation and administrative law, Beadles is well-suited to her role. She joined WRA in 2019 after retiring from public service. Beadles spent more than two decades as a managing attorney at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and its predecessor, the New Mexico Public Utility Commission, serving as Legal Division Director for the last three. Her case experience at the Commission involved a broad range of topics and stakeholders, from water rights and tribal energy to rural electric cooperatives and publicly traded investor-owned utilities.

Beadles is passionate about creating sound policies and sensible mandates that protect the public interest by encouraging both the efficient use of electricity and the sourcing of power from cleaner sources. Working with WRA she's able to pursue nimble and innovative solutions that will benefit residents of New Mexico for generations to come.

Having lived in New Mexico nearly all her life, Beadles values the West's unique natural and cultural geography. She knows how critical it is to preserve this heritage so that coming generations can enjoy this incredible region. Her work is deeply rewarding, as she is part of the solutions that are driving positive change to move beyond conventional sources of energy to more intentional use and production that also consider environmental outcomes. And she's brought all of her skills to bear. Beadles played a key role in ensuring the Governor's signature 2019 Energy Transition Act was applied meaningfully when the San Juan Generating Station was scheduled to shut down in favor of cleaner energy sources.

Her work in this area has been so impactful that Beadles was named the Public Lawyer of the Year in 2019 by the State Bar of New Mexico. She has also been tapped for her expertise by the New Mexico Senate Pro Tempore to serve on as one of seven members on the Public Regulation Commission nominating committee and her expertise is tapped serving as a technical advisor to two clean energy groups: ECMD's Grid Modernization Program and New Mexico's Interagency Climate Change Task Force.

A member of the New Mexico bar, Beadles holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Stanford University and Juris Doctor from University of California Hastings College of the Law.

Beadles has two adult children who both live in neighboring states. She enjoys skiing and listening to music in her free time and she used her free time during the pandemic to become proficient at African drumming.

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