

Emily Doerfler Attorney, Clean Energy



As an attorney at Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Emily Doerfler is focused on advancing clean energy policies in Arizona. She represents WRA in state-level administrative proceedings, as well as state and federal litigation. Her expertise is tapped to tackle a diverse array of rulemaking and litigated measures before various regulatory agencies, including state public utility, air quality, and regional transmission planning groups.

Doerfler also assists with legislative advocacy efforts through discovery requests and expert witness testimony, representing WRA in complex negotiations, and developing relationships with key stakeholders.

Before joining WRA in 2023, Doerfler attended law school at Arizona State University (ASU). But it wasn't her studies at ASU that initially piqued an interest in environmental work. She attended a Wisconsin charter elementary school for environmental science, a time that opened her eyes to the challenges our planet faces. Entering law school, she already knew the intrinsic value of the environment as a fascinating, enriching and irreplaceable space, and she knew she wanted to make a difference in the climate crisis.

During her time in law school, Doerfler had the opportunity to intern at the Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association and the Arizona Department of Environmental Equality, roles in which she focused on addressing the environmental and clean energy challenges facing Arizona. She also spent time at the Difference Engine, ASU's center for equality, where she developed an index that measured gender equality in the workplace. Her research on regulations relating to net metering was published in the LSU Journal of Energy Law and Resources, with a national look at how homeowners and public utilities are treated inequitably regarding alternative power generation.

Doerfler hopes to help promote a balanced approach to energy production and consumption that encourages increased use of renewable sources that benefit both health and the environment. She's deeply passionate about effecting change directly, as she sees the impacts of the climate crisis so pronounced in her home state.

She holds a Juris Doctor from Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, in addition to dual Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Philosophy from Lindenwood University in Missouri.

A resident of Surprise, Doerfler enjoys playing with her cats, reading fantasy books, and watching her favorite TV shows.

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