



## Amy K. Olfene Attorney

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### Bio

Amy Olfene represents a variety of businesses, regulated utilities, nonprofits, municipalities and quasi-municipal entities, housing providers, and individuals in a range of energy, public utilities, administrative, and government relations matters. Her representation includes in all phases of counseling, regulatory compliance support, and litigation.

In her energy practice, Amy serves as lead counsel to Fortune 500 energy companies, renewable generators, and local utilities (both consumer- and investor-owned) in administrative proceedings and appellate litigation. Examples of Amy's work include assisting clients in adversarial proceedings, ratemaking cases, investigations, and applications for approval before the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Amy also works with the firm's Tribal Services Group to assist clients in navigating federal and state regulation of energy generation and transmission projects located in and around Indian Country.

In her government relations practice, Amy has represented clients before state administrative agencies and the Maine Legislature on wide-ranging matters including regulatory compliance, rulemaking, policy change, legislative drafting, and lawmaker education.

Amy is also an experienced appellate attorney who serves as the firm's appellate coordinator. She has successfully handled numerous appeals before the First Circuit and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court (Law Court), as well as appeals of government action (Rule 80B and 80C) actions before the Maine Superior Court. In 2021, Amy expanded her appellate practice to include matters before the Supreme Court of the

### Practice Areas

Affordable Housing &  
Community Development  
Energy & Public Utility Law  
Government Relations &  
Campaigns  
Litigation  
Appellate  
Probate Litigation  
Municipal Law  
Tribal Nations Law  
Federal Indian Law

### Admissions

Maine  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
First Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the  
District of Maine  
U.S. Supreme Court

United States.

Amy has been recognized by Chambers as an “Up and Coming” practitioner in Energy and Natural Resources (2020-2022), and as a “Rising Star” by New England Super Lawyers (2019-2024). She also was a Commendation Recipient in the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program, a state-wide honor bestowed on Amy for her pro bono work in both 2017 and 2018.

Outside of the office, Amy enjoys spending time with her partner and their rescue pets, hiking or engaging in one of her many creative endeavors. Raised in Maine, she is deeply committed to her community. Amy’s pro bono work has included engagements with the Volunteer Lawyers Project, Maine Equal Justice Partners, the ACLU of Maine, and the Maine Public Health Association.

## **Education**

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2014

University of Southern Maine, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2006

Maine State Bar Association Leadership Academy, 2019

## **Recognition**

Best Lawyers USA, Energy Law

New England Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Civil Litigation

Chambers and Partners, USA Guide, *Maine, Energy & Natural Resources, Band 3*

## **Representative Clients & Matters**

- Represented NextEra Energy Resources before the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ( Law Court) in the Company’s opposition to Central Maine Power’s New England Clean Energy Connect transmission project.
- Successfully appealed Department of Health and Human Service’s denial of food supplement benefits asylum seekers and their families (*Manirakiza v. Dept. Health & Human Servs.*, 2018 ME 10).
- Represented The Maine Water Company in successful effort to obtain Maine Public Utilities Commission approval of merger with SJW Group.

## **Publications**

- *Of Asthma and Ashtrays: Examining the Rights of and Exploring Ways to Protect Maine Tenants Living in Multi-Unit Rental Housing Who are Involuntarily Exposed to Secondhand Tobacco Smoke in Their Homes*

- , 66 Me. L. Rev. 291 (2013)
- *Rapper's Delight: Fifth Circuit Finds School Violated Student's First Amendment Rights*, School Law Advisory (Winter 2015)

## **Memberships**

Maine State Bar Association

## **Community/Public Service**

Maine Startup Weekend 2015: Women's Edition  
*Coach*

Maine Women's Lobby  
*Board Member (2012-2016)*

Maine Public Health Association  
*Member and Mentor (present)*  
*Board Member (2018-2020)*

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, 2017  
*Go Red Survivor Speaker and Volunteer*