

Fatima Maria Ahmad

Position/Department/Division/Institution/Organization

Senior Solutions Fellow, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

Country

United States of America

Career history

Center for Climate & Energy Solutions, Arlington, VA. *Senior Solutions Fellow.* 2016 - Present

- U.S. Climate Policy: Research and analyze Federal and state clean energy and climate policies.
- International Climate Policy: Research and write about international market-based mechanisms for carbon emissions reduction under the Kyoto Protocol, the Paris Agreement, and International Civil Aviation Organization carbon offsetting and reduction scheme.
- Corporate Engagement: Support the Business Environmental Leadership Council, a group of mostly Fortune 100 companies, including industrial, energy, and technology companies.

American Wind Energy Association, Washington, D.C. *Mgr., Fed. Regulatory Affairs.* 2015

- Federal Power Act: Reviewed power sector ratemaking filings, Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability standards, and transmission planning and interconnection filings.

AZI Consulting, Inc., Oakton, VA. *Counsel.* 2013 - 2015

- Government Contracts: Negotiated teaming agreements and subcontracts with prime contractors, incorporating terms protecting company from risk.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. *Sp. Assistant to Asst. Secretary.* 2009 - 2012

- Renewable Energy Development: Coordinated environmental review of power plant siting to successfully license 10,000 MW of wind, solar, and geothermal energy production on public lands.
- National Environmental Policy Act: Helped develop the Solar Energy Development Environmental Impact Statement to streamline agency review of Solar Energy Zones.

U.S. National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin., Silver Spring, MD. *Attorney-Advisor.* 2008 – 2009

- National Environmental Policy Act: Evaluated and provided counsel on Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements supporting permits issued by the agency.
- Administrative Procedure Act: Counseled agency on rulemaking, including conducting economic impact, environmental, and paperwork burden analyses, and on responding to public comments.

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Washington, D.C. *Associate.* 2005 – 2008

- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act: Represented corporate clients in Potentially Responsible Party negotiations; reviewed settlement agreements.
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act: Advised industrial clients on compliance with Federal and state requirements on the transportation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

EDUCATION:

- University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois - J.D., 2005.
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia - B.A. with Distinction, 2002.

Awards/Publications

AWARDS:

- Elected Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, 2018
- American Bar Association, Co-Chair, International Environmental Law Committee, 2015-2017
- Women's Council on Energy & the Environment, Vice-Chair for Membership, 2016-2017
- Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy Member, 2015

PUBLICATIONS:

- Decarbonizing U.S. Transportation by Ashley Lawson and Fatima Maria Ahmad (C2ES, 2018).
- Flying High: International Air Travel and Climate Change by Fatima Maria Ahmad (American Bar Association (ABA) International Law News, Winter 2018).
- Beyond the Horizon: Corporate Reporting on Climate Change by Fatima Maria Ahmad (C2ES, 2017).
- The Paris Agreement Presents a Flexible Approach for U.S. Climate Policy by Fatima Maria Ahmad, Jennifer Huang, and Bob Perciasepe (Carbon & Climate Law Review, 2017).
- Storing CO₂ Emissions: Untapped Potential for Carbon Utilization by Fatima Maria Ahmad (R&D Magazine, 2017).
- Opportunities for American Leadership Through Infrastructure Investments and Energy Innovation by Fatima Maria Ahmad (Women's Council on Energy & the Environment: The Current Journal, 2017).
- CO₂ Utilization: A Look Ahead by Fatima Maria Ahmad (Carbon Capture Journal, 2017).

- Exceeding Expectations: Recent developments in U.S. Carbon Capture Policy by Fatima Maria Ahmad (Carbon Capture Journal, 2016).
- Technological Innovation, Sustainable Development, and post-Paris Voluntary Cooperation – A Closer Look at Japan’s Joint Crediting Mechanism by Fatima Maria Ahmad (ABA International Environmental and Resources Law Committee Newsletter, 2016).

Areas of expertise

Carbon capture utilization and storage, electric vehicles, renewable energy