Competition, Regulation, and the Administrative State

The Environment

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is charged with enforcement of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other federal and state environmental laws regulating pollution. The EPA is subject to review by the courts of the District of Columbia Circuit.

Energy

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the transmission and transportation of natural gas, electricity, and other forms of energy. The D.C. Circuit regularly reviews the decisions of the FERC, including those related to the siting of power plants, the allocation of energy resources, and the regulation of energy prices.

Technology

Federal statutes charge administrative agencies with regulating everything from consumer product safety to energy to telecommunications. At the same time, the Justice Department exercises considerable influence on competition policy through its enforcement of the Nation’s antitrust laws. The resulting disputes among regulators, industry, and members of the public are often resolved by the Courts of the District of Columbia Circuit.

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