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Katherine Ross represents businesses and local governments in regulatory matters and civil litigation.

In her energy practice, Katherine provides counsel on the acquisition, sale, financing, and permitting of renewable energy facilities across the Southeast, coordinating transaction documents and due diligence for portfolios ranging in size from five megawatts to hundreds of megawatts. Her clients include developers of renewable energy facilities, investors in those developments, and entities providing loans and credit vehicles to them. She also represents commercial and industrial businesses seeking renewable energy resources.

Katherine routinely advises energy clients on power purchase agreements, interconnection agreements, and agreements for the sale of renewable energy certificates. She also represents clients seeking utility commission and other development-related permits at the local, state, and federal levels. She helps clients navigate regulatory changes and advises on regulatory compliance matters.

Katherine's regulatory practice extends beyond the energy industry as well. As businesses grow, land use, zoning, environmental, ad valorem tax, and other issues involving governmental entities frequently come up. Katherine works with clients to navigate these complex issues and evaluate the most cost-efficient path forward, including through negotiations with local and state agencies when necessary.

In her litigation practice, Katherine represents clients in complex civil matters, focusing on real property disputes. While Katherine understands that businesses and governmental entities tend to avoid litigation, she also knows that at times it is unavoidable. She has obtained favorable bench and jury verdicts, and she works with clients to identify when it is worth fighting and when it makes business sense to resolve a matter without a judge or jury. Whether a client is involved in a condemnation action, resolving an easement dispute, or fighting a property tax assessment, Katherine can assist.

In addition, Katherine chairs Parker Poe's Pro Bono Committee. She spearheads and coordinates pro bono initiatives across all seven of the firm's offices.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Assisted developers of renewable energy facilities as they develop more than 10,000 megawatts of generation.



RALEIGH OFFICE



PRACTICE AREAS

- Administrative Law
- Economic Development
- Eminent Domain & Condemnation
- Electric & Gas Utilities
- Energy Real Estate
- Government & Public Policy
- Land Use & Zoning
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Renewable Energy
- State & Local Tax
- Environmental



EDUCATION

- North Carolina Central University
JD, 2008
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
MSW, 2002
- Davidson College
BA, 1997



ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina, 2008



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- Advised clients on developing solar farms, wind farms, anaerobic digestive facilities, and fuel cell systems.
- Represented clients in obtaining certificates of public convenience and necessity, and in registering renewable energy facilities before the North Carolina Utilities Commission, including wind, solar, biomass, and multi-use energy facilities.
- Assisted clients with regulatory filings before the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Represented landowners and local governments in real and business personal property tax disputes before local boards of equalization and review and the North Carolina Property Tax Commission.
- Represented landowners in condemnation disputes with the Department of Transportation.
- Represented municipalities in condemnation actions, including projects requiring easements from multiple property owners.
- Advised clients on economic development opportunities; federal, state, and local development incentives; and grants, tax credits, and tax exemptions.
- Represented clients as a registered lobbyist before the North Carolina General Assembly.

CLIENT ALERTS

- "Treasury and DOE Issue Guidance on Grants in Lieu of Tax Credits," July 2009

PUBLICATIONS

- "Navigating Local Nuances of Solar Development Life Cycle," Bloomberg Environment, March 2019



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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "A Conversation About Renewable Energy," N.C. Bar Association's Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law Section Annual Meeting, May 2019
- "Wind Energy: The Future of Wind in the Southeast," UNC Clean Tech Summit, March 2019
- "Offshore and Onshore Wind Issues ," N.C. Sustainable Energy Association, February 2019
- "Presentation of Taxing Body's Case in Chief & Witness Examination," IAAO Preparation and Trial Seminar, UNC School of Government, June 2018
- "The Path Forward for NC's Emerging Wind Industry," Moderator, North Carolina Clean Tech Summit, Hosted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Institute for the Environment and Kenan-Flagler's Center for Sustainable Enterprise, February 2016
- "Top 10 Legal Considerations – North Carolina," Panelist, 2016 Clean Energy CLE: Policy in the Southeast, February 2016
- "Parker Poe Attorneys to present during the NCSEA Renewable Energy CLE ," Parker Poe Attorneys to present during the NCSEA Renewable Energy CLE

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Municipal Law, 2019-2021
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2017-2018

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Bar Association, Administrative Law Section Council, Member, 2013-present; Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law, Section Council, Class of 2020; Co-Chair, Energy Committee, 2015-present
- Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE), 2017-present
- North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center, Advisory Board, 2018-present



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- Parker Poe Pro Bono Committee, Chair, 2017-present
- StepUp Ministry, Board of Directors, 2017-present
- KidzNotes, Program Committee Member, 2014-2017
- Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Raleigh Class 32, 2015-2016

