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OVERVIEW

Rachael counsels clients in a broad range of regulatory and commercial matters, including energy generation and storage project development, mergers and acquisitions, and other transactions, with a focus on renewable energy and power generation projects.

Rachael also works on environmental matters involving wildlife and natural resource issues.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Advising on virtual, physical, and behind-the-meter power purchase agreements.
- Navigating permitting and compliance matters relating to Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Underground Injection Control (UIC) wells in connection with fuel storage operations.
- Advising producers and transporters of carbon dioxide in carbon capture, transportation, and sequestration matters.
- Developing and negotiating retail agreements for commercial and industrial customers and retail electric providers.
- Negotiating master trading agreements for power, natural gas, and other energy commodities.
- Assisting with Public Utility Commission of Texas compliance obligations for retail electric providers and power generation companies.
- Performing regulatory and environmental diligence for renewable energy project transactions.

AWARDS

- *The Legal 500 United States*, Recommended Lawyer – Renewable/Alternative Power (2024)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- Environmental + Natural Resources

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ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Air Quality + Climate Change](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [Environmental + Natural Resources](#)
- [Environmental Due Diligence](#)
- [Natural Resources](#)
- [Water Quality + Water Resources](#)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2020, senior notes & comments editor, *HoustonLaw Review*, Board 57; Order of the Barons
- Texas A&M University, B.EnvD., 2012, architectural studies

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Oregon

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Tricolored Bat: Listing Under the Endangered Species Act," Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting, November 18, 2022.
- Speaker, "Possible Biden Administration Changes to the Federal Rulemaking Process and What They Could Mean for You," Locke Lord, March 3, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[Well, Well: Outlook for CCUS Projects in Texas Improves as EPA Proposes to Delegate Permitting Authority and the Texas Supreme Court Clarifies Pore Space Ownership](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, June 24, 2025.
- Co-author, "Vineyard Wind Makes It a Clean Sweep in First Circuit Offshore Wind Decision," *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, December 9, 2024.
- Co-author, "[Courts Scrutinize Pretextual Challenges to Offshore Wind](#)," Pratt's Energy Law Report, October 2024.
- Co-author, "Furling the Sales: Offshore Wind Developers Are Tacking Away From Higher Risk Auctions," *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, October 1, 2024
- Co-author, "Wind in Our Sales: Decoding the Central Atlantic Offshore Wind Auction Results," *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, August 19, 2024.
- Co-author, "Floating on Both Coasts: Gulf of Maine and Oregon Proposed Sale Notices Are a Study in Contrasts," *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, May 7, 2024.
- Co-author, "Offshore Wind Gets Some Modern Love: BOEM/BSEE Update Regulations to Better Reflect

Current Practices,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 30, 2024.

- Co-author, “Revisions to Endangered Species Act Regulations Reverse Some Trump, Keep Some Trump, Raise Opportunity for Mischief,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 8, 2024.
- Co-author, “Update to Standing up to the Plaintiffs: Courts Scrutinize Pretextual Challenges to Offshore Wind,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 8, 2024, updated April 8, 2024.
- Co-author, “BOEM Proposes to Go Another Round in the Gulf of Mexico in 2024, With Some Twists,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 25, 2024.
- Co-author, “Survive and Advance: BOEM’s Gulf of Maine Leasing Process Makes It to the Next Round, but Can It Reach the Finals in 2024?” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 20, 2024.
- Co-author, “CCS in Focus: Texas on Deck for Class VI Well Permitting Primacy,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, February 27, 2024.
- Co-author, “USFWS Spreads Its Wings – Final Eagle Permit Rule Embodies New Approach to Troubled Permit Process,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, February 19, 2024.
- Co-author, “BOEM Floats Another Oregon Milestone: Final Wind Energy Areas Designated,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, February 14, 2024.
- Co-author, “A Precautionary Tale: D.C. Circuit Strikes Down Precautionary Principle Under the Endangered Species Act,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, June 26, 2023.
- Co-author, “Seeking Primacy – the Railroad Commission of Texas Seeks Primary Authority Over the Class VI Carbon Sequestration Program,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, September 19, 2022.
- Co-author, “Three’s Company: USFWS Proposes Listing Tricolored Bat as Endangered, Joining Indiana and Northern Long-Eared Bats,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, September 14, 2022.
- Co-author, “SEC Proposes Climate-Related Disclosure Rules – What You Need to Know,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 24, 2022.
- Co-author, “FERC Updates Natural Gas Pipeline Certificate Policy Statement, GHG Policy,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, February 18, 2022.
- Co-author, “Playing Chicken: What USFWS’ Proposed Listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken Means for Energy Companies,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, June 1, 2021.
- Co-author, “Biden’s American Jobs Plan Prioritizes Renewable Infrastructure Investment Opportunities,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 2, 2021.
- Co-author, “Winds of Change: Biden Administration Releases Plan to Accelerate Offshore Wind Energy,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 31, 2021.
- Co-author, “What the Biden Administration Offshore Wind Proposal Could Mean for New York Offshore Wind,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 31, 2021.
- Co-author, “The Regulatory Resurrection of M-37050: Interior Rule Limits the MBTA Again, But Likely Not for Long,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, January 8, 2021.