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Sarah helps clients navigate mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance matters, and other complex transactions. With a focus on energy and renewables, she provides clients with strategic foresight, practical solutions, and a client-focused approach.

OVERVIEW

Sarah is an experienced corporate attorney regarded for her collaborative, practical approach to mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance matters, and other complex workstreams inherent in such transactions and relationships. She anticipates client needs and navigates deal challenges to help clients find a strategic path forward.

While she has advised clients in transactions across a number of industries, Sarah is particularly experienced in the energy sector and renewable energy projects, representing independent power producers, utilities, and developers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Routinely represent independent power producers, private equity firms, utility affiliates, and solar developers in the purchase and sale of solar energy and battery storage projects of various development stages, including the related coordination of full team diligence processes and placement of representation and warranty insurance.
- Represented an independent power producer in milestone acquisitions of natural gas peaking plants providing approximately 1.7 gigawatts of capacity.
- Represented an independent power producer in the acquisition and related diligence of a solar development pipeline, a portfolio of early-stage development projects, and an in-construction solar development project.
- Represented a solar operator in the acquisition of a portfolio of residential rooftop solar assets.
- Represented a private equity firm participating in a bankruptcy auction for the sale of gas peaking plants.
- Represented a utility affiliate in a series of auctions for the purchase of municipal wastewater system assets.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Corporate Law (2026)

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch: Corporate Law (2021-2025), Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021-2025)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate Governance
- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Renewable Energy

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Commercial Contracting
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Renewable Energy

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Business Law Section of Richmond Bar Association, former chair and Executive Committee member
- Troutman Sanders LLP Recruiting Committee

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., 2013
- University of Florida, B.S., 2009, finance major, East Asian languages and literature minor

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Virginia