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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

- Represented the world's largest electric utility holding company in the $551,500,000 auction sale of a portfolio of over 200 distributed generation operating, in construction, and development solar and storage projects across 25 states totaling approximately 769 MW.
- Represented an independent power producer in the acquisition of a solar development pipeline, a portfolio of early-stage development projects, and an in-construction solar development project, including the related coordination of full team diligence processes and placement of representation and warranty insurance.
- Represented a renewable energy development company in the acquisition of a 150 MW solar project in Pulaski County, Virginia from a leading developer, owner, and operator of renewable power projects and storage solutions.
- Represented a solar and wind development company in acquiring a 120 MWac utility-scale solar project in Texas.
- Advised a renewable energy development company in its acquisition of Lunenburg County, Virginia's first approved solar farm, a 130 MW solar facility.
- Representing a renewable energy development company in the ongoing sale of multiple solar projects in Illinois under a multiproject purchase agreement.

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- Represented an independent power producer in milestone acquisitions of natural gas peaking plants providing approximately 1.7 gigawatts of capacity.
- Represented a large investor-owned utility in the negotiation and drafting of definitive agreements for a joint bid for the New Humboldt 500 kV Substation with a 500/115 kV transformer, and 500 kV line to Collinsville Project, and the New Humboldt to Fern Road 500 kV Transmission Line Project, and negotiated the terms of our client's potential future investment in each developed project.
- Represented a lender and financial solutions provider as preferred equity investor in a 200.7 MWdc solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and an approximately 237 MWh battery storage facility, located in Lamar County, Texas.
- Represented an energy management and consulting company in the sale of a portfolio of three solar plus battery storage projects in California, including a 75 MW solar plus 75 MW /300 MWh battery storage project, a 100 MW solar plus 100 MW /400 MWh battery storage project, and a 50 MW solar plus 50 MW /200 MWh battery storage project.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®:* Corporate Law (2026-2027), Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2027)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch: Corporate Law (2021-2025)
- *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer (2026) – independently rated lawyers

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
- Litigation + Trial
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Renewable Energy

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Business Law Section of Richmond Bar Association, former chair and Executive Committee member

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