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Katie provides counsel to school boards of both traditional public and charter public schools on a wide array of issues that impact the board; the schools; administrators, educators and support staff; and, most especially, the students.



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BIOGRAPHY

Katie began her career in education teaching civics for the Close Up Foundation in Washington DC, and Honolulu, Hawaii, before attending law school. She later served as the lead in-house general counsel to the NC State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction for almost ten years. At Poyner Spruill, Katie leads the Education Law Group as it serves its education clients through legal counsel, policy development, litigation, training, and other legal services on a wide range of topics and issues.

AREAS OF FOCUS

EDUCATION

- Acts as lead counsel to school boards and other education and education-related clients
- Provides training to boards and school administrators, especially on board leadership training and personnel issues/employment law
- Makes presentations to national and statewide education organizations on a variety of education topics including teacher ethics, board governance, Title IX, EEOC/OCR and charter school best practices.
- Leads policy development work for boards of traditional and charter public schools
- Provides legal counsel at school board meetings for clients
- Serves as lead counsel for the Education Law group on litigation for education clients during hearings, depositions, and trials

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University School of Law, JD, 2001

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, BA, 1994

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

NC Virtual Public School Advisory Board (NC Board of Education), Board Member

National Counsel of State Education Attorneys, Past President

Governing board for the National Association of State Boards of Education, Former Member

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