



Elisabeth Yandell McNeil

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OVERVIEW

Elisabeth Yandell McNeil represents a variety of U.S. and international clients. Her practice focuses on energy and infrastructure transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and investments in wind, solar, biomass, and other energy projects and services. She also advises clients in transactions involving clean energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Elisabeth is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2022 for Corporate Law and the Washington Rising Stars list (2016–21).

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining K&L Gates, Elisabeth practiced as an associate in a Seattle-area law firm where she represented public and private clients. Before attending law school, she served as an intern in the office of the Vice President of the European Parliament.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law, 2021–2023
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023
- Selected to Washington Rising Stars list, 2016–2021
- Acritas Stars – independently rated lawyer

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Washington State Bar Association, Partnership and LLC Law Committee, Business Law Section, Co-Chair
- WRISE (Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy), Co-Director, Seattle Chapter
- Washington Women Lawyers, Past President

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Energy Seminar: Renewables 3.0," May 2019
- "Identifying and Innovating through Points of Resistance in Renewables," April 2018
- "The New Tax Bill Workshop: Impact on the Renewable Energy Industry," January 2018
- "Navigating Changes in Energy Attitudes Coast to Coast," May 2017
- "The New Washington LLC Act," Washing Washington State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Course, January 2016
- "Around the World of Business Law: 80 Things Every Washington Lawyer Must Know," Washington State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Conference, May 2013

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School, 2008 *2008 (cum laude; Order of the Coif; Wisconsin International Law Journal; Best Articles Editor Award; Dean's Academic Achievement Award)*
- B.A., Macalester College, 2004 *(magna cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- Bar of Wisconsin

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- April 2024, ESG and the Sustainable Economy Handbook
- 30 September 2021, Welcome to Sustainable Outlook
- 7 June 2019, Chancery Court Dismisses Complaint, Finding That The Parties' Forum Selection Clause Is Mandatory And Enforceable
- January 2018, The New Tax Bill Workshop: Impact on the Renewable Energy Industry

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 13 September 2021, K&L Gates Releases ESG and the Sustainable Economy Handbook
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 17 August 2020, K&L Gates Advises Tokyo Gas America on Two Acquisitions
- 22 April 2020, K&L Gates Advises on Creation and Earth Day Launch of Sustainable Agriculture Organization Leading Harvest

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Energy Finance
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- ESG - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission
- Utilities

EMERGING ISSUES

- Environmental Social Governance (ESG)
- Sustainable Economy

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent U.S and China-based solar and storage technical advisory firm in the sale of all interests to an interested buyer through strategic capitalization review and draft and negotiation of a purchase agreement.