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Will Middleton is an associate in the Corporate Group and advises energy clients on a range of matters.

Will Middleton advises energy clients before state commissions relating to interconnection service, competitive procurement, Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA), demand-side management, and energy efficiency matters. He also counsels energy clients on compliance with government regulations relating to electric reliability rules, Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) administration, and generator interconnection processes.

Will also advises energy clients on commercial contracts and transactions that may be subject to regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, PURPA requirements, power purchase agreements, interconnection agreements, and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) agreements. This advice necessarily includes guidance on the electric reliability rules and compliance with standards set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and state utility commissions. Will represents clients in contested regulatory proceedings, as well as regulatory audits and investigations.

Will also has experience representing corporate clients on a range of matters, including, but not limited to, corporate governance, corporate and regulatory compliance, commercial transactions for regulated and non-regulated companies, nondisclosure agreements, and operations and maintenance agreements. His practice experience further comprises representing banks, financial institutions, and corporate clients in secured and unsecured lending, including single-lender and syndicated credit facilities.

Will earned his J.D. and his Master of Science in finance from Vanderbilt University, where he was a member of the *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* and Vanderbilt University Law School's Moot Court Board. Prior to law school, he interned with the South Carolina Legislature's House Ways and Means Committee, as well as the United States Senate.

Representative Matters

- Advise clients on compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations, and FERC orders and policy.
- Work with clients on smart grid, transmission planning, and renewable generation policy and issues.
- Assist clients in developing corporate compliance programs and program training and improvement.
- Experienced with energy transactional matters, including power purchase agreements, interconnection agreements, operations and maintenance agreements, and EPC agreements.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Named a 2022 Upstate Legal Elite in Energy and Utilities Law
- Member – North Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyer
- Volunteer – Meals on Wheels of Greenville
- Board Member – Urban League of the Upstate



Education

- Vanderbilt University, J.D., 2016
- Vanderbilt University, M.S.F., 2016
- Erskine College, B.A., magna cum laude, 2012



Admissions

- South Carolina, 2019
- North Carolina Bar, 2016