

RAQUEL MACGREGOR PEARKES

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Raquel Macgregor Pearkes' practice primarily focuses on complex litigation matters involving commercial contract disputes, shareholder and corporate governance disputes, and commercial real estate. Raquel also has experience in consumer related litigation, internal investigations, and federal appeals.

Raquel focuses her practice on commercial litigation and antitrust law, including matters involving complex contractual disputes, fraud and other business torts, securities fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty litigation. She also represents clients in consumer related litigation, internal investigations, and federal appeals. Raquel has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts throughout North Carolina as well as in a number of other jurisdictions. Her clients are a diverse set of people and businesses, ranging from high-net-worth individuals to Fortune 500 companies and city governments.

In addition, Raquel has made pro bono matters an important part of her litigation practice. Her experience includes representing prisoners in innocence-based appeals in the Fourth and Fifth Circuits and representing tenants living in substandard conditions in landlord-tenant disputes.

Raquel received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D., magna cum laude, from Wake Forest University School of Law, where she served as an executive editor of the *Wake Forest Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. In law school, Raquel also co-founded and served as vice president of the Latino Law Student Association. Prior to joining Moore & Van Allen, Raquel was an extern for the Honorable Chief Judge Frank D. Whitney in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

Capabilities

- Civil Litigation
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Governance & Shareholder Relations
- Environmental
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation, Regulatory & White Collar
- Real Estate & Construction Disputes
- Securities & Capital Markets Litigation
- Trust, Estate, Tax & Fiduciary Disputes
- White Collar & Government Enforcement Defense

Education

J.D., Wake Forest University, 2019, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif; Executive Editor, Wake Forest Law Review

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2014

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Notable

- North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, 2019-2020

Representative Experience

Raquel has played an important role assisting her team in achieving major victories in several complex litigation matters in federal and state court including:

- Winning a preliminary injunction to secure approximately \$2.8 million in funds on behalf of a large insurance company
- Obtaining a jury verdict awarding plaintiff the digital royalties of a platinum recording artists' entire music catalog
- Securing a court order mandating a special shareholder meeting, allowing ousted client to regain control of the corporation he founded
- Securing a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Order granting a rehearing *en banc* on the Fifth Circuit's standard concerning a prisoner's right to challenge their conviction in a second habeas proceeding

Admissions

North Carolina, 2019

Western District of North Carolina, 2019

Middle District of North Carolina, 2019

Eastern District of North Carolina, 2019

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2021