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PRACTICES

Air
Climate Change
Hydropower
Litigation & Investigations
Native Affairs
Renewable Energy

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina
School of Law
University of Phoenix

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar

NAKIA ARRINGTON
ASSOCIATE



Professional Background

Nakia Arrington assists clients by assessing, investigating, and resolving compliance issues across a variety of industries. Her practice covers environmental policy, pipeline safety, citizen suits pursuant to the Clean Water Act, hydroelectric power, compliance planning, incident response, internal investigations, and American Indian Law, as well as a broad range of civil litigation in federal and state courts. She also advises on environmental, social, and governance issues (ESG).

Nakia has recently advised clients navigating interactions with the U.S. Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

During law school, Nakia was accepted into the U.S. DOJ Attorney General's Honors Program. Following graduation, she served as Assistant General Counsel at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Sensitive and Strategic Information Litigation Section, where she handled complex litigation involving the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act with a nexus to national security, technology, data, high-visibility activities, and an array of sensitive matters.

In 2021, Nakia retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as an Operations Officer.

Since joining Van Ness Feldman, Nakia's Pro Bono practice has focused on representing underserved individuals.

Nakia is a member of the Lumbee Tribe.

Nakia and her husband have three children and originally hail from the beautiful state of North Carolina.

Representative Experience

- Holds top secret security clearance

Government Service

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Assistant General Counsel, 2021

Environment and Natural Resources Division, Law Clerk, 2019

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), Various positions foreign and domestic, 2001-2021

Awards and Honors

U.S. DOJ Special Recognition Award for Initiative and Tenacity

UNC School of Law 2019 Trial Advocacy Best Advocate Award

UNC School of Law 2018 Eugene Gressman & Daniel H. Pollitt Oral Advocacy Award

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

The Marine Corps League's Distinguished Citizen Award

Articles and Presentations

- 2022 NHA Northeast Regional Meeting, National Hydropower Association, 06/27/2022