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Katie advises public transit agencies around the country on issues involving third-party procurement, Section 13(c) labor protection, Buy America compliance, and adherence to Federal statutes and regulations applicable to state and local grantees.

Clients appreciate Katie's conscientious and thoughtful manner and her ability to remain calm in stressful situations. She considers both the application of the law and the business goals of her clients when resolving an issue. Katie keeps abreast of the seemingly constant developments in transit funding, procurement, and regulation and enjoys helping clients understand how those developments affect transit operations and compliance activities.

Katie often serves as special outside counsel to public-entity clients. She advises on all aspects of the procurement process from solicitation drafting to contract management. She also is well-versed in many aspects of general litigation and regularly applies her skills in proceedings before federal courts, private arbitrators, and administrative bodies, such as the Department of Labor and the Surface Transportation Board. Katie employs her persuasive writing skills to advocate for clients in all manner of fora, from arbitration to the United States Supreme Court. She has authored Supreme Court briefs on constitutional issues affecting transportation clients and tackled complex legal issues in briefs before a variety of decision makers. She recently served as co-counsel on a team representing a state's Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the Department of Labor's decision to deny 13(c) certification for federal transit grants.