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## Real Estate Network

### Member Spotlight:

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#### **Where do you work? What is the coolest thing about your work?**

I work for Duke Energy, based in their headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. The coolest thing about my work is the breadth of work that I get to be involved with. The real estate practice group here at Duke Energy is involved with every issue that touches dirt, and a few that don't. While the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a utility is probably easements (and I do a lot of those); we also support our Lake Services group which manages our hydro facilities, the significant amount of lease work related to our renewables development group, and the franchise agreement work between the company and many of the towns and cities in our service territories. These are just a few of the types of clients and matters we get to engage on.

#### **What's a challenge in your field that keeps things interesting?**

A significant challenge that our field is currently facing is meeting energy demands. Transitioning to cleaner generation is tough enough without also having to significantly grow our capacity at the same time. We are fortunate to serve growing territories but finding ways to expand transmission capacity in existing transmission corridors, interconnect new solar developments, and serve data center load – all at the same time – is an interesting puzzle to help solve.

#### **What are you doing when you are not practicing law?**

I have a one-year-old daughter. That is my world outside of work right now, but when I find the time I enjoy to travel and fly fish. This year we will be visiting Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks with family. Four generations ranging from one to seventy-five.

#### **What's a book, podcast, or show you'd recommend?**



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I recently finished an audiobook called “And a Bottle of Rum: A History of the New World in Ten Cocktails.” I found it really interesting and entertaining. Plus trying to make the cocktails afterwards was fun. The original Daiquiri recipe was my favorite.

### **Why did you join ACC and what is the best part about being an ACC member?**

I originally became a member in 2018 when I joined Duke Energy. At the time the company had a corporate membership which made it easy to participate. After 2020 the company ended its membership and I took a hiatus until rejoining in 2023. My favorite part is how easy it is to participate, meet people, and try new things. Our chapter’s social committee (which I was previously a member of) does a great job with out-of-the-box events. Last year I got to make a Christmas ornament at a glass blowing event.

### **What motivated you to get involved with this committee?**

I have been involved with committees at my local chapter since rejoining ACC several years ago. Coming into 2026 I was looking for an opportunity to get involved at the national level. I have been a member of the Real Estate Network for years and have always appreciated the resources it provides. When I heard they were looking for another set of hands I jumped at the chance to help out.

### **What excites you most about the future—professionally or personally?**

This year I will have been practicing for a decade. I’ve worked with a lot of great people and on great projects in those years. Growing as an attorney and person thanks to both. Also, this year, I will have been a parent for a year. In some ways that year has felt longer than my decade of practicing and in some ways it has flown by. I am excited to see what continued growth the future holds as an attorney, person, and most importantly a parent.