

Catherine M. van Heuven

Katie van Heuven is an expert on a broad range of environmental and land use issues who specializes in airport and transportation projects. She frequently advises clients on projects involving federal environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act and related local land use regulations.

Katie has extensive experience advising airport sponsors on matters involving compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations applicable to planning and environmental review for major airport projects. She provides strategic counsel to numerous airport sponsors on matters related to compliance with federal grant assurances, drafting minimum standards and rules and regulations, and securing FAA approvals related to land acquisition and development. Katie has litigated airport cases in multiple federal courts of appeal.

In addition, Katie has broad experience with projects concerning CERCLA, the Brownfields law, and state voluntary cleanup provisions. She represents and advises clients before various federal agencies and courts, including rulemaking comments and litigation matters, and lobbies members of Congress and senior officials at various federal agencies on behalf of clients with regard to land use and natural resources issues.

Katie also has broad public policy experience. She previously served as the senior legislative assistant on environment, energy, and natural resource issues for former U.S. Senator Paul Simon; as a policy analyst for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Constitution Subcommittee; and as a special assistant in the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Legislative Affairs.

Representative Experience

FAA Contract Tower Litigation

Lead author for the consolidated federal litigation brought in 2013 by a coalition of several dozen airports challenging the proposal to end funding for federal contract towers

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport, Colorado

Represent airport sponsor in the development of runway, terminal, and airside improvements to implement a Master Plan Update in a physically constrained environment

Professional and Civic Activities

- Yale University, Alumni Schools Committee (2003–Present)
- Colorado Bar Association, Environmental Law Section,



Partner

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Areas of Practice

Airport Litigation
Airports
Airspace
Brownfields
Environmental Due Diligence
Environmental Impact Reviews
Environmental Impacts and Conformity
Grant Assurance and Compliance and Part 16
Multi-Modal Transportation Facilities
Noise
Planning and Development
Public Procurement
Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards

Education

J.D., University of Virginia
School of Law, 1999
B.A., Yale University, 1991

Bar and Court Admissions

Colorado
District of Columbia
Maryland
United States Court of Appeals
for the Third, Ninth, and District
of Columbia Circuits



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Advisory Council (2012–2015)

- Board of Directors, Montessori Academy of Colorado (2011–2014; Vice President, 2012–2013; President, 2013–2014)
- University of Colorado Leeds School of Business, 50 for Colorado Leadership Development Program (2003)

Publications

Airport Law Desk Reference (annual editions)
2005–Present

Wildfire Insurance and Forest Health Task Force: Report to the Governor of Colorado, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate
September 2013

Wildfires Spark Renewed Interest in Development Regulations: What The Proposed Rules Could Mean For Your Project
July 2013

Introduction to Airport Air Quality Law
2005

Guide to Airport Noise Rules and Use Restrictions (and supplements)
June 2004

"Dirty Money": EPA Issues Brownfields Grant Guidelines
April 2003

EPA's Final TMDL Rule: A Load of Trouble for Agriculture and Industry
May 2001

News

FAA Affirms Town of East Hampton's Use of Airport Revenue to Pay Legal Fees to Seek and Defend Noise and Access Restrictions
07.30.20

Amendments to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Regulations: Ten Key Changes
07.20.20

Council on Environmental Quality Releases Final Rule Amending NEPA Regulations
07.15.20

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell Hosts 34th Annual Airport Law Workshop
10.28.18

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell Hosts 33rd Annual Airport Law



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Workshop
10.17.17

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell Hosts 32nd Annual Airport Law
Workshop
11.15.16

Chicago Begins Construction of Final New Runway
08.16.16

Latest News on FAA Reauthorization
07.14.16

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell Hosts 31st Annual Airport Law
Workshop
11.01.15

Court Affirms East Hampton Town's Right to Regulate Airport
Noise
06.26.15

The Wall Street Journal Features Firm's Representation of Town
of East Hampton
The Wall Street Journal
04.22.15

Wildfire Task Force Delivers Recommendations to Governor of
Colorado
09.30.13

Interior Appeals Board Upholds Permit Granted to Christo's Over
The River™ Project
The Washington Post
06.28.13

FAA Postpones Contract Tower Closures
04.03.13

Court Rejects Challenge to Philadelphia International Airport
Project
07.06.12

Court Rejects Local Controls Over Philadelphia International
Airport Expansion
08.27.10

U.S. Court of Appeals Rules FAA Erred Regarding Proposed
Wind Turbines Near Planned Airport
04.18.08

FAA and BLM Announce Preparation of Environmental Impact
Statement for Las Vegas Airport Construction
08.29.06



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Presentations

Construction and Professional Service Contracts for AIP-Funded Projects
10.14.19

Airports and Their Neighbors: Obstructions and Hazards
10.14.19

Introduction to Airport Law
10.13.19

Sponsor Obligations Part 2: Grant Assurances Affecting Airport Development
10.29.18

Understanding General Aviation Leases and Tenant Agreements
10.29.18

Preparing for New Airport Projects: A Conversation with FAA and Airport Counsel
10.29.18

Challenges to Successful Land Use Strategies at Airports
04.10.18

Environmental Review: Special Purpose Laws
11.30.17

Airport Law 101
10.15.17

Airport Law Update
06.08.17

Friends or Foes: Community Relations, Compatibility Planning, and Politics for Lawyers
11.15.16

Airport Regulatory Requirements That Affect Environmental Compliance and Sustainability
04.19.16

The Law of Airport Noise 101
11.03.15

Airport Environmental Law and Aeronautical Development
11.02.15

Permitting the Over The River™ Project
02.19.15

Airport Planning, Development and Land Acquisition
10.20.14



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Governor's Task Force on Wildfire Insurance and Forest Health:
Lessons Learned
03.14.14

Land Acquisition, Management and Disposal
11.05.13

Construction and Professional Services Contracts
11.05.13

Siting Renewable Energy: Land Use & Environmental Due
Diligence
03.08.13

Professional Services Agreements
10.08.12

Examining Legal/Procurement Issues Associated with the Award
of Professional Service Contracts
07.17.12

FAA Review of Wind Energy Impacts – Issues for Airports
02.29.12

Legal Complexities of Addressing Climate Change at Airports
06.29.08

Basics of Environmental Management
09.25.07

Basics of Airport Project Development
09.25.07