

Gentry Locke Welcomes Karen L. Cohen to its Richmond Office

ROANOKE, Va. (May 12, 2021) – The Virginia law firm Gentry Locke is pleased to welcome Partner Karen L. Cohen in Richmond. Cohen will work in the firm's land use practice group, where she will focus on assisting clients with obtaining local approvals for solar and energy storage projects to implement the Virginia Clean Economy Act.

In addition to her extensive land use and zoning experience, Cohen's practice includes representing developers, individuals, and businesses in land purchases and sales, due diligence, zoning analysis, the entitlement process, commercial leasing, and the preparation of deeds, easements and covenants. Cohen also advises clients on disputes involving real estate contracts and environmental issues; construction; commercial leasing; and business and financing. She will also be a member of the firm's outdoor advertising team.

Prior to entering the legal profession, Cohen worked as an architecture associate. After completing law school, she clerked for the Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, before entering private practice.

Cohen received her B.S. degree in architecture from the University of Virginia, her M.S. in real estate development from George Mason University, and her J.D. magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center.