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Catherine Zhu focuses her practice on corporate mergers, acquisitions, and private equity transactions. She advises clients regarding securities and corporate governance matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Catherine was an associate in the transactional group of a southeast regional law firm in its Valdosta, Georgia headquarters where she concentrated her practice on private equity, commercial transactions, corporate governance, and affordable housing. Previously, she practiced as an attorney in New Zealand where she worked primarily in securities regulation, aviation law, and military law. Catherine practiced as an associate attorney at the New Zealand Stock Exchange in Wellington, New Zealand where she oversaw public listings and offerings and led investigations into issuer and broker-dealer conduct. She also worked as an attorney at the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand where she managed complex aviation regulatory issues, drafted legislation, and oversaw its health and safety prosecutions.

Catherine was recognized in 2027 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Corporate Governance and Compliance Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Experience

*Negotiated and drafted disclosure schedules and closing documents for \$193 million sale of a majority interest in a multi-state agricultural company to a private equity company.

*Represented purchaser in a series of horizontal acquisitions totaling \$49 million in the granite manufacturing industry.

*Acted as real estate counsel in the construction of \$200+ million biorefinery plant.

*Represented purchasers and sellers in acquisitions, sales and financing, of portfolios of affordable housing projects.

*Negotiated and drafted purchase and sale agreement and ancillary documents for \$33 million asset sale of a lumber mill to a regional competitor.

*Represented start-up in a \$30 million 506(c) offering to develop an outdoor adventure lifestyle community in a Qualified Opportunity Zone.

*Represented national developer in a series of 506(c) offerings totaling approximately \$22 million.

*Represented national developer in four university construction projects involving the issuance of revenue bonds between \$100-\$300 million.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick

Education

Emory University School of Law Master of Laws (LLM) (2020) *Master of Laws Leadership Award*

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (2013)

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand B.A., International Relations and Affairs (2011)

Admissions

Georgia (2021)

Professional & Community Activities

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, Board Member (2021-2023)

State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyers Division, Women in the Profession Section, Co-Chair (2022-2023)

American Bar Association, Young Lawyer's Division, Law Student Debt & Financial Wellness Team Member (2022-2023)

National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH), International General Certificate

Insights

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Kilpatrick Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America
August 20, 2026

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Elutia Founder and CEO Offers Insight on Kilpatrick Townsend's Impactful Guidance
September 27, 2023

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Kilpatrick Townsend Welcomes New Attorneys

July 12, 2023