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Caroline Rao represents clients in a variety of complex business transactions in the energy industry, including the purchase and sale of energy assets and companies and the financing and development of energy projects. Her clients include energy companies, private equity funds and financial institutions.

During law school, Caroline served on the *SMU Law Review* and as a research assistant for Professor Julie Forrester-Rogers on real estate and property law issues. She also completed a judicial internship for the Honorable Dennise Garcia of the Texas Court of Appeals, Fifth District, and an externship with the Texas Rangers Baseball Club Legal Department.

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## Experience

### Rockland Power Partners II, LP and Rockland Power Partners III, LP

- sale of a portfolio of six gas-fired power generation facilities, including one combined-cycle unit and five peaker units, in ERCOT to NRG Texas, LLC

### Phillips 66

- sale of 100 percent of the equity interests of DCP East Texas Gathering, LLC, including its wholly-owned subsidiaries and 50 percent interest in CrossPoint Pipeline LLC

### Rockland Capital, LLC

- acquisition of the Chalk Point Power Facility, a 1,613 MW natural gas and diesel fuel oil-fired electric power facility located near Aquasco, Maryland, and

the Dickerson Power Facility, a 294 MW natural gas and diesel fuel oil-fired electric power facility located near Dickerson, Maryland, from an affiliate of Olympus Power, LLC

## **PLT Energia**

- joint venture with GGS Energy LLC to develop more than 1 GW of renewable energy in Texas

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## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, J.D., 2023, *cum laude*
- University of South Carolina, B.A., 2019, *magna cum laude*

### **Bar Admissions**

- Texas

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## **Recognition**

### **Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law**

- *SMU Law Review*, Administrative Managing Editor

### **Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law**

- Research Assistant

### **Texas Court of Appeals, Fifth District**

- Judicial Intern

### **Texas Rangers Baseball Club Legal Department**

- Corporate Counsel Extern