

# KATARINA “KATIE” WONG

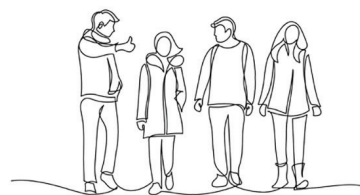
**FIRM:** Brooks Pierce, Raleigh

**HOMETOWN:** Port Jefferson, New York

**UNDERGRAD:** Duke University

**LAW SCHOOL:** Duke Law School, 2019

**PRACTICED LAW:** 4 years



**FAMILY:** Andrew (husband)

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** Connect more with family, friends and colleagues.

**2024 WORK-LIFE CHANGE:** Answer my own questions about what we should do next so that I can better exercise the muscle of making judgment calls and developing strategy.

**GO-TO STRESS RELIEVER:** Running. Fresh air, beautiful places, exhaustion and disassociation.

**BUCKET LIST:** Follow tradition of former-English-majors-turned-lawyers-turned-novelists.

**BIGGEST RISK:** Teaching 12th grade English to students who were nearly the same age. What did I know about the world that they didn't?

**SPECIAL DISH:** In high school, the dad of my friend Patricia Luksich would bake chocolate chip cookies for our weekly viewings of "Avatar, the Last Airbender." I don't think I've ever eaten a more perfect cookie in a more welcoming place.

**FAVORITE FICTIONAL LAWYER:** Kim Wexler (actor Rhea Seehorn) from "Better Call Saul." She loves the law, cares deeply for her clients. Her success is based on hard work and attention to detail.

**FAVORITE N.C. HANGOUT:** A spot on Jordan Lake to float around and paddleboard.

**LEGAL INSPIRATION:** In an ethical reasoning class, the professor used cold calls similar to the Socratic settings in law school. It was terrifying and thrilling to be put on the spot. A class on religion and democracy incorporated texts from legal scholars on public discourse. I loved these classes because they were more legal-centric than public policy centric.

These undergraduate classes shaped the way I taught my high school students. My students impressed me. They were so much more aware than I was at their age. It made me want to participate in spaces where I could engage with others in dialogues about questions that did not have easy answers.

**BEST PROFESSIONAL ADVICE:** Take ownership of your work and drive your case forward. That principle has helped me be creative and independent.

**TV SHOW WHERE YOU'RE THE LAWYER:** "Trial and Error" featured a New York lawyer learning how to navigate a small-town, Southern courtroom. The big city lawyer found his home in the quirky town and its people. I wouldn't mind practicing in a court that felt like home.

**DEFINE SUCCESS:** Doing your best and doing the work for a cause that will serve other people well.