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PROFILE

Karen Davison brings more than 12 years of experience in business and economic development across South Carolina and the Charlotte region.

A graduate of the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC, with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration, Hospitality & Tourism, she also holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASC) from Bond University in Queensland, Australia.

While working with the law firm of K&L Gates (2012-2018) in business development, Karen was intrigued by economic development. This led her to her first dedicated role in the field as the Global Business Development Manager for the Charleston Regional Development Alliance (2018-2022). There, she successfully attracted domestic and international companies to the Charleston region.

From 2022 to 2024, Karen served as the Director, Business Recruitment, for the Charlotte Regional Development Alliance. In this role, she led inbound recruitment efforts and assisted companies looking to establish or expand within the 15-county, two-state region.

Delighted to remain in the Charlotte area, Karen recently transitioned to the position of Assistant Director of Chester County Economic Development in April 2024. Outside of work, she enjoys travel, spending time with her Dachshund, fitness activities, and exploring the outdoors through hiking.

EXPERIENCE

- K&L Gates | Business Development | 2012-2018
- Charleston Regional Development Alliance | Global Business Development Manager | 2018-2022
- Charlotte Regional Development Alliance | Director, Business Recruitment | 2022-2024
- Chester County Economic Development | Assistant Director | 2024-Present

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science from College of Charleston, Charleston, SC
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