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KAREN DAVISON | Assistant Director

PROFILE

Karen Davison brings more than 12 years of experience in business and economic development across South Carolina and the Charlotte region. In her current role as Assistant Director of Economic Development for Chester County, South Carolina, Karen drives business growth by supporting existing companies and attracting new investments. Karen has been directly involved in recruiting investments of \$521 million in capital and the creation of more than 2,300 jobs while working across the Carolinas.

A graduate of the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC, with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration, Hospitality & Tourism, she also studied abroad at 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 14-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

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

EDUCATION

- » Bachelor of Science from College of Charleston, Charleston, SC
- » Study Abroad Program, Bond University, Queensland, Australia