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OVERVIEW

Michelle McCreery concentrates her practice primarily on corporate, transactional and securities matters. She has experience in representing publicly-traded and privately-held clients in domestic and international mergers and acquisitions transactions, joint ventures, and finance and investment transactions, with a particular focus on the middle market. Her practice also includes registered securities offerings, private placements of securities under Rule 144A and Regulation D and in the US private placement (USPP) market, shelf registrations, exchange offers, tender offers and securities compliance matters. She regularly provides corporate governance and general corporate advice to emerging growth, middle market and Fortune 500 companies. She has advised clients operating in a broad variety of industries, including manufacturing, energy, maritime transportation and logistics, senior housing, mining, financial services, and healthcare. She serves as co-practice group coordinator for the firm's Energy Assets and Transactions practice group and as a co-leader of the Metals Manufacturing and Fabrications industry focus group.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

After practicing for nearly ten years with K&L Gates, Michelle served as Director of Legal Affairs of a publicly-traded engineered products company, where she focused on securities compliance and corporate governance matters, as well as acquisition transactions and other general corporate and commercial matters, before returning to private practice at the firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A & Private Equity in Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh & Surrounds, 2025-2026
- Recognized by *Marine Money International* for “2024 Jones Act Deal of the Year,” 2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)

- Mentor, Girls Inc. of Greater Pittsburgh (Formerly Strong Women, Strong Girls)
- Advisor and Former Board Treasurer and Audit Committee Chair, The City Theatre Company, Pittsburgh

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2005 *(magna cum laude; Order of the Coif; Senior Managing Editor, University of Pittsburgh Law Review)*
- B.A., Washington and Jefferson College, 2002 *(cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 27 April 2021, Chancery Court Finds that Although Alleged Disclosure Deficiency Prevents Application of Corwin, It Is Insufficient to Reasonably Imply Breach of the Duty of Loyalty
- 7 April 2020, Caremark Claim Dismissed Due to Inadequate Pleading of Demand Futility
- 15 March 2019, Court of Chancery Invalidates Charter-Based Federal Forum Provision
- 29 November 2018, In Ruling On Motion To Dismiss, Chancery Court Allows Admission Of Extrinsic Evidence To Resolve Ambiguity In Preferred Stock Certificate Of Designations
- 19 May 2017, Failure to Make Demand to the Board of Directors Dooms 50% Owner's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claims Against Co-Owner
- 15 February 2017, Court of Chancery Dismisses Derivative Action Against Board of Directors of UPS for Failure to Monitor
- 27 July 2016, Chancery Court Dismisses Only Certain Counterclaims Against Baseball's Derek Jeter
- 22 June 2016, Directors' Failure to Consider Speculative Projections in Recommending Tender Offer to Stockholders Insufficient to Plead a Claim for Breach of the Duty of Loyalty Based on Bad Faith

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Author, *LexisNexis Securities Practice Guide*

NEWS & EVENTS

- 4 June 2026, K&L Gates Receives Nearly 235 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2026 *Chambers USA* Guide

- 28 January 2025, K&L Gates Advises Universal Stainless and Alloy Products in its Acquisition by Aperam
- 13 December 2021, K&L Gates Advises DDW The Color House on its Sale to Givaudan
- 16 November 2018, K&L Gates Advises II-VI Incorporated on US$3.2 Billion Acquisition Agreement with Finisar Corporation

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy Assets and Transactions
- Capital Markets
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Energy Finance
- Healthcare Transactions
- Maritime Transactions and Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- General Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Manufacturing
- Metals Manufacturing and Fabrications
- Post-Acute/Senior Housing and Care
- Transportation and Logistics