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OVERVIEW

Lauren McFadden Garenne is a partner in the Mergers and Acquisitions practice group. Her practice is focused on transactional corporate and finance matters across diverse industries. Lauren counsels both publicly and privately held entities, including private equity and venture capital firms, in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other negotiated transactions in both domestic and cross-border deals.

Lauren also has experience in capital markets and banking and works with the banking and asset finance group in the Charleston office, advising clients on secured and unsecured financial transactions, including loan servicing-related matters, CMBS securitizations, loan assumptions, modifications, consents and defeasances.

Prior to joining the firm, Lauren served as an associate in the finance group of a global law firm in New York. Lauren's practice focused on a variety of international capital markets and banking transactions. In the capital markets space, she regularly represented both underwriters and issuers, on SEC-registered and exempt equity and debt offerings and liability management transactions. In the banking space, Lauren advised borrowers and lenders on cross-border finance transactions, primarily involving syndicated and bilateral credit facilities.

Additionally, Lauren advised clients with respect to a variety of derivative transactions, with a focus on the Dodd-Frank Act's implications for OTC derivatives and swaps. She has advised a wide spectrum of US and non-US swap market participants in navigating the regulatory framework and assisted clients with updating swap documentation and related credit support documentation to comply with the transitioning regulatory environment.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2024
- Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2021 Classmember

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, South Carolina Bar Association and New York City Bar Association

- Advisory Board of the Association of Corporate Growth, Charleston Chapter
- Society 1858, Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC, *Board and Executive Committee Member*
- French-American Chamber of Commerce of the Carolinas, *Member*
- Habitat for Humanity, *Volunteer*
- Hope to Home Furniture Resource*, Volunteer*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Accessing the U.S. Market - Legal Considerations for Foreign Investors", Speaker, North American French Aerospace Network Convention 2022, Orlando, Florida, October 2022
- "New Times, Sans Times New Roman and the Ongoing Evolution of Contracts in the New Decade," Presenter, Association of Corporate Counsel (South Carolina Chapter) Winter Meeting, Greenville, South Carolina, February 2020
- "Argentina's Return to the Derivatives Market", Panel Speaker, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA), Buenos Aires, Argentina, December 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- *The U.S. Margin Requirements: The Impact on Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVS) Used in Securitizations, Repackagings and Other Structured Products*, The Journal on the Law of Investment & Risk Management Products: Futures & Derivatives Law Report, April 2017.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2015
- B.A., University of Georgia, 2011 *(summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Bar of South Carolina

LANGUAGES

- French
- Spanish

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- February 2023, Eleventh Annual "Under the Wire" CLE Webinar
- 14 September 2021, UK Consults on New Data Protection Regime
- 2 March 2021, What's Selected to Happen in Vegas, Stays in Vegas: Chancery Court Enforces Forum Selection Clause in Re-Domesticated Nevada Corporation Bylaws, Despite Alleged Violations Occurring While Entity Was a Delaware Corporation
- 15 October 2019, South Carolina's New Private Fund Adviser Exemption — A Boost for an Emerging Industry

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 July 2025, K&L Gates Advises Terramont Infrastructure Partners on US$160 Million Investment in Dispatch Energy
- 22 August 2024, K&L Gates Advises Terramont Infrastructure Partners on Equity Investment in Long Island Waste Services
- 2 January 2024, K&L Gates Names Nearly 30 Partners, Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm
- 2 February 2023, "Under the Wire" CLE Seminar
- 4 December 2020, K&L Gates Again Advises Red Ventures on Pending Sale of CNET Content Services to 1WorldSync
- 18 September 2020, K&L Gates Advises Red Ventures on USD $500 Million Acquisition of CNET Media Group From ViacomCBS
- 27 August 2019, K&L Gates Advises Kaman Corporation on $700 Million Sale of Distribution Segment

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Private Equity Transactions
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Equity