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Services

Corporate & Finance
Private Equity
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Education

University of Oklahoma
(J.D., 2004)

Georgetown University
(B.S.F.S., 2001)

Admitted to Practice

Georgia

Languages

German

Sarah Ernst

Partner

Sarah Ernst concentrates her practice on public and private company securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, private equity financings and joint ventures, with an emphasis in the health care sector.

Ms. Ernst represents public and private companies and underwriters in debt and equity offerings, including initial public offerings, resale and follow-on offerings, shelf registrations, 144A debt offerings and private equity offerings. She also has significant experience representing public and private companies and private equity firms in mergers and asset acquisitions and dispositions. She also regularly advises clients regarding SEC compliance and reporting obligations and corporate governance matters.

Ms. Ernst received her J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where she was managing editor of the *Oklahoma Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif. Ms. Ernst received her B.S.F.S., cum laude, from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. She also attended the U.S. Naval Academy from 1997 until 1999.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to private equity firms in several complex acquisitions of health care service companies.
- Counsel to a health care product distribution company in multiple 144A high yield debt and exchange offers.
- Counsel to a specialty pharmaceutical company in initial and follow-on offerings, shelf registration and takedown, SEC compliance and reporting, corporate governance matters and eventual sale for \$2.3 billion.
- Counsel to a leading global investment bank in a number of public securities offerings by health care companies.
- Counsel to specialty pharmacy, home health care, manufacturing and consumer goods companies in public offerings, SEC compliance and disclosure, and corporate governance matters.
- Counsel to numerous public and private health care service providers and health care technology, consumer goods, and insurance and staffing companies in complex mergers, acquisitions, tender offers and equity restructurings.
- Counsel to health care technology, supply and services companies in venture capital financings.

Publications

- "Blaming Big Brother: Holding States Accountable for the Devastation of Terrorism," 56 *Oklahoma Law Review* 735, 2003.
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