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Francesca Schiavone is a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group where she co-leads the Women/Minority-Owned Business Group and the Commercial Contracts Group, and also leads the firm's Start-Up Services Group. She is also a member of the Insurance Coverage Group, Cannabis Industry Group and Life Sciences Industry Group. Francesca is based in Leech Tishman's Pittsburgh office.

Francesca's practice involves counseling clients on corporate mergers and acquisitions, business planning and structuring, real estate transactional matters, including commercial and residential sales, acquisitions and leases, and dealing with a multitude of general corporate governance matters.

Additionally, Francesca has experience guiding qualifying business owners to obtain certification as a minority business enterprise, women-owned business enterprise, and/or disadvantaged business enterprise.

Francesca joined Leech Tishman as a law clerk. Prior to her time here, she served as a Judicial Intern for The Honorable

Terrence F. McVerry of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania and spent time as a real estate intern for Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. She received her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law, where she served as Secretary of the Appellate Moot Court Board and Senior Staff Editor of the Duquesne Law Review. Francesca was also named Regional Finalist in the 2012-2013 National ABA Arbitration competition.

Academics

J.D., *cum laude*, Duquesne University School of Law
B.A. in Communications and English, *magna cum laude*,
Duquesne University

Admissions

Pennsylvania

Professional Memberships

American Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Allegheny County Bar Association
Commercial Real Estate Women of Pittsburgh (CREW
Pittsburgh)
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Professional Accolades

Best Lawyers

Best Lawyers Magazine: Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Corporate Law (2023), Real Estate Law (2023)
Best Lawyers Pennsylvania: Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Corporate Law (2022), Real Estate Law (2022)
Best Lawyers Pittsburgh: Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Corporate Law (2022), Real Estate Law (2022)

Super Lawyers

Pennsylvania Rising Star, Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine (2021-2022)

Speeches & Presentations

"Risk Mitigation Considerations for Corporate Transactions and Other Agreements," Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl, LLC and Lockton Companies, Inc. (2021)
"Mergers and Acquisitions," Duquesne University School of Law (2019)

"Wine, Wisdom & Women," Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl, LLC and Lally & Co., LLC (2018)
"Entrepreneurial Start-ups: Understanding the Legal Side of Business," Pennsylvania State University (2018)
"Contracts," Duquesne University Business School (2018)

Publications

Duquesne Law Review

Community Involvement

Girls Hope of Pittsburgh (Young Leadership Board)