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Head of our Public Company Advisory Practice, Karen Hsu Kelley counsels U.S. and non-U.S. public companies on compliance with federal securities laws and the listing requirements of the major U.S. exchanges. In her practice, Karen regularly assists public companies on a wide range of matters, including SEC and stock exchange reporting and disclosure requirements, disclosure of board and executive compensation, corporate governance, conflicts of interest, crisis management planning, shareholder proposals, director independence, the impact of proxy advisory firms, and responses to formal and informal SEC inquiries.

PRACTICE FOCUS

Capital Markets Public Company Advisory Practice

Corporate Governance Crisis Management

Shareholder Activism Corporate

Equity and Civil Rights Reviews

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability

A significant portion of Karen's practice specifically relates to advising boards of directors and board committees, including regarding board and committee structures, new developments and changing best practices in governance, leadership transitions and board self-assessments. In addition, Karen routinely advises on ESG-related governance developments, reporting requirements and disclosure trends, as well as on cybersecurity, diversity, equity and inclusion, and climate change and sustainability disclosures.

During her career spanning over two decades, Karen has advised a wide range of clients, from Fortune 100 and S&P 500 companies to small- and mid-cap companies along with IPO companies, including Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Caterpillar, Cigna, Cooper-Standard Holdings, Hovnanian Enterprises, Laureate Education, LivaNova plc, Radius Recycling, SiriusXM, The Travelers Companies, Inc. and Virtus Investment Partners. In addition, Karen sits on the Advisory Board for Practical Law with respect to Capital Markets & Governance matters.