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Practice Focus

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Private equity
- Business counseling

Vanessa is an Associate in the Business Department at McDonald Hopkins and part of the firm’s Mergers and Acquisitions team. Her practice and experience includes serving a variety of clients across numerous industries (including, private equity, petroleum, property restoration, franchise, software/IT, construction, and telecommunications) providing proactive support for complex transactions such as international and domestic mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, consolidations, and other business combinations. Vanessa works with clients throughout the transaction process, from beginning to end, including overseeing due diligence, risk management, drafting and negotiating transaction documents, financing, and post-closing integration. Her practice also includes general corporate counseling; strategic business planning; business formation; corporate governance; private debt and equity offerings; commercial loans; and reviewing, drafting, and negotiating a variety of contracts, such as master services agreements, purchase agreements (business and real estate), customer and vendor agreements, non-disclosure agreements, intellectual property license agreements, employment agreements, independent contractor/consultant agreements, and construction and subcontractor agreements.

In addition to experience serving as outside general counsel to numerous clients, including on nationwide transactional, corporate, and commercial litigation matters, Vanessa has significant corporate experience from working several years in-house as the Assistant General Counsel to a real estate development company. She also has experience assisting clients with real estate purchases and dispositions, commercial leasing, trademark filing and maintenance, and complex, commercial and real property litigation matters.

Vanessa earned her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, Michigan. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and International Business from the University of Hawaii, where she was a starting member of the Division 1 UH Women's Soccer Team on a full, four-year athletic scholarship.

Admissions - State

- Michigan

Education

Vanessa L Bailey

- Wayne State University Law School
- University of Hawaii at Manoa

Honors and Awards

- Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Star (2021)

News

- McDonald Hopkins welcomes Vanessa Bailey to Business Department and Mergers and Acquisitions Team