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With an expansive capital markets practice, Tara Jackson is experienced in all aspects of corporate governance, initial and secondary public offerings, PIPE financing, '34 Act reporting requirements, regulatory compliance (including compliance with the SEC, NASDAQ, NYSE, and state securities laws), mergers and acquisitions, and other general corporate matters.

Tara represents clients from a broad spectrum of industries, including healthcare, utilities, financial services, automotive, and technology. Her background in business and unique approach to problem solving enables her to provide practical solutions to complex matters. Tara previously served as co-chair of Akerman's Black Internal Bridge Network Group.

Most recently, Tara served as in-house counsel for Truist Financial Corporation and eBay Inc., where she advised the board, general counsel, and executive leadership on corporate governance matters, in addition to handling SEC filings and reporting matters, among other compliance matters. Prior to practicing law, Tara was the compliance director of a group of financial institutions in Jamaica, where she drafted and ensured the effective implementation of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Policies and Procedures, and completed corporate restructuring of the group's lending institution to ensure full compliance with the applicable regulations and Laws of Jamaica.

Notable Work

Ondas Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:ONDS): Represented Ondas Holdings, Inc. in various public offerings, PIPE transactions, and other corporate governance and compliance matters.

Ferguson Enterprises, LLC: Assisted in the representation of Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, the U.S. subsidiary of Ferguson plc (LON: FERG) and the largest wholesale distributor of residential and commercial plumbing supplies in the U.S., in connection with multiple acquisitions.

Areas of Experience

Corporate
Capital Markets
Corporate Governance
M&A and Private Equity
Financial Services
Sports and Entertainment Law

Education

LL.M., University of Miami School of Law, 2018
J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2016, cum laude, *Race and Social Justice Law Review*, Staff Editor; Dean's Merit Scholar; C.A.L.I. Excellence Award
LL.B., University of Technology, Jamaica, 2013

Admissions

Bars

Florida
Georgia

Related Content

SEC Expands Confidential Review Process for Draft Registration Statements
March 28, 2025

SEC Approves Changes to NYSE and Nasdaq Minimum Price Rules: What Public Companies Need to Know
March 12, 2025

Akerman Promotes Six Lawyers to Special Counsel
December 02, 2024

Exchange Act: Represents various public company clients with respect to their disclosure obligations under Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K, proxy statements and reports regarding stock ownership on Forms 3, 4, 5, Schedule 13D and Schedule 13G.

Related Professional Experience

- Truist Financial Corporation, Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel, May 2022-May 2023
- eBay Inc., Senior Counsel, Corporate and Securities, May 2021-May 2022

Published Work and Lectures

- Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) South Florida's 14th Annual CLE Conference, Speaker, "Corporate Transparency Act – Federal District Court's Ruling that the Act is Unconstitutional," September 12, 2024

Affiliations

- *Law360*, Capital Markets Editorial Board, 2025
- Chief, Member
- Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association, Group 1 Director, 2017-2018
- Caribbean Bar Association, Member
- Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, Member
- Perez Art Museum of Miami (PAMM), Ambassador of African American Art

Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2024, Listed in Florida as a "Rising Star" for Securities & Corporate Finance, Business & Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions
- GC Powerlist: Atlanta, 2023
- MLT CAP, Fellow, 2022
- *Chambers and Partners*, Diversity and Inclusion Awards: North America, Shortlisted in the "Future Leader – Diversity & Inclusion" Category, 2021
- The National Black Lawyers, Top 40 under 40, 2019