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Julie Allen is a partner in the Corporate Department and former co-head of the Capital Markets Group.

Julie's practice focuses on general corporate and securities matters. She represents both underwriters and issuers in initial public offerings and follow-on equity offerings. Her experience also includes Rule 144A debt offerings, both as counsel to issuers and to initial purchasers. Julie's practice also includes mergers and acquisitions, particularly transactions involving public companies. She represents buyers and sellers, activist stockholders, boards of directors and financial advisors in mergers, acquisitions, recapitalizations and tender offers. Julie also regularly counsels public companies and their affiliates regarding disclosure, governance, Sarbanes-Oxley and other securities law and compliance issues.

Julie serves as the Co-Chair of Proskauer's New Business Committee and Chair of its Corporate Department Opinion and Audit Letter Committees.

## Matters

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## Representative Transactions:

- Initial public and follow-on offerings, representing issuers and underwriters, including offerings for Solid Biosciences Inc., NovoCure Ltd., Annie's Inc., Installed Building Products Inc., Sabre Industries (withdrawn after effectiveness), Maidenform Brands, Inc., Town Sports International Holdings, Inc., India Hospitality Corp., Sybari Software (acquired by Microsoft prior to completion), Cross Country, Inc., Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Vanstar Corp., N2K, Inc., Synthesis Energy Systems, Webstakes.com, Inc. and many others.
- High-yield bond offerings, representing issuers and initial purchases, including Icahn Enterprises L.P., Pegasus Solutions, Inc., Altra Industrial Motion, AmeriCast Technologies, Inc., Rafaella Apparel Group, Blue Ridge Paper Products, Inc. and Wheeling Island Gaming, Inc., among others.
- Public company mergers, acquisitions and control contests, including the acquisition by Ascena Retail Group, Inc. of ANN Inc., the sale of Annie's Inc. to General Mills, the sale of The Student Loan Corporation to Discover Financial Services and Sallie Mae, the acquisition by Grifols S.A. of Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Corp., the acquisition of Tween Brands by Dress Barn, Inc., the restructuring of Dress Barn, Inc. into Ascena Retail Group, Inc., the acquisition of Charming Shoppes, Inc. by Ascena Retail Group, proxy contests involving Presidential Life Corporation, the acquisition of Presidential Life by Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company and the acquisition by Textron Inc. of United Industrial Corporation, among many others.
- General representation of public companies, including Ascena Retail Group, Inc., Grifols S.A., Henry Schein, Icahn Enterprises L.P., Silvercrest Asset Management Group and XO Group Inc.

### Practices

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Capital Markets, Mergers & Acquisitions

### Industries

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Asset Management , Private Equity

#### Market Solutions

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Blockchain, Corporate Governance

#### Education

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Columbia Law School, J.D., 1983

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Boston University, B.A., 1979

*magna cum laude*

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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New York

#### Memberships

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American Bar Association

New York City Bar

TriBar Opinion Committee

Read Ahead, a literacy and mentoring organization for NYC public school children

Member of the Board of Directors

Chair of Development and Finance Committees

#### Awards & Recognition

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Chambers USA: Nationwide: Capital Markets: Debt & Equity 2008-2018

Chambers Global: USA: Capital Markets: Debt & Equity 2008-2019

Best Lawyers in America 2005-2020

New York Super Lawyers 2010-2019

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings 2011-2015

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Equity Offerings 2008, 2011-2015

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: High-Yield Debt Offerings: Advice To Managers 2007-2008, 2011-2013, 2015-2017

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: High-Yield Debt Offerings: Advice To Underwriters 2016-2018

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Equity Offerings: Advice To Issuers 2015-2019

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Global Offerings 2011

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Global Offerings: Advice To Financial  
Institutions 2016-2017

Burton Award for Legal Writing 2011

“Top 50 Women,” New York Metro Super Lawyers, 2019