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Education

J.D., The University of Iowa College of Law, 2004 (Articles Editor, *Journal of Corporation Law*)

B.A., Central College, 2000

Bar Admissions

Delaware
Illinois
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

Experience

Clerkship, Hon. Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court (2004-2005)

Associations

Member and Former President, Board of Delaware Bar Foundation
Member, Committee of the Delaware Corporation Law Council
Member, Delaware State Bar Association Judicial Appointments Committee
Member, Richard S. Rodney American Inn of Court
Member, Advisory Board of OperaDelaware

Jenness Parker is a highly experienced litigator, focusing her practice on significant business litigation matters arising from corporate governance disputes, statutory proceedings, mergers and acquisitions-related issues, federal securities laws and a variety of complex commercial contractual disputes.

Ms. Parker defends corporations and their directors and advisers in derivative and class action lawsuits, as well as appraisal litigation, and books and records litigation. She litigates and argues in trial and appellate courts in Delaware and throughout the country. Additionally, she advises clients in litigation related to contractual disputes, including merger agreements. She has had success for her clients at every stage of litigation, from motion practice to trial, and on appeal. Ms. Parker was named a 2016 Delaware Lawyer on the Fast Track by *The Delaware Law Weekly*.

Among other matters, Ms. Parker recently served as trial counsel for Panera Bread Company in a six-day trial of an appraisal action in the Delaware Court of Chancery, which resulted in a successful judgment that set fair value at deal price minus significant synergies. Other recent clients include Cineworld Group plc, Regal Entertainment Group, Dentsply Sirona, Inc, SmileDirectClub, Inc., Goldman Sachs, Booz Allen Hamilton Holding, Beazer Homes USA, Inc., Express Scripts Holding Company, Trimaran Capital Partners, LLC, American Equity Investment Life Insurance, Vantiv, Inc., Gilead Sciences, Baxter International Inc., American Apparel and CME Group.

Ms. Parker also frequently provides advice on the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) and similar corporation codes from other states that look to Delaware as precedent, in addition to participating in committees that review and draft important amendments to the DGCL. She also has written numerous articles on Delaware corporation law issues, and is on the board of editors of the treatise *Mergers and Acquisitions Deal Litigation Under Delaware Corporation Law*. Ms. Parker is a member of the Delaware State Bar Association Judicial Appointments Committee, which is involved in the selection of Delaware Supreme Court and Chancery Court judges. Ms. Parker also has done a significant amount of *pro bono* work and currently leads Skadden's Wilmington office adult guardianship project, representing individuals in Court of Chancery guardianship proceedings.

Publications

"Court of Chancery Continues To Rely on Market-Based Metrics in Appraisal Decisions," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 8, 2020

"Inside the Courts," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 2020

"Chancery Relies on Market-Based Metrics in Recent Appraisal Decisions," *Delaware Business Court Insider*, October 16, 2019

"Supreme Court Reinforces Deal Price Minus Synergies as 'Strong Indicator' of Fair Value," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 9, 2019

"Delaware Corporation Law: Trends Impacting M&A and Corporate Litigation in 2019," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, February 28, 2019

"Can It Be Fixed? Further Judicial Guidance Concerning Sections 204 and 205," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, November 29, 2018

"M&A Litigation Developments: Where Do We Go From Here?" *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*, July 18, 2018