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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 (2004-05)

Associations

Member, Delaware Court of Chancery Rules Committee

Board Member, Delaware Court of Chancery Historical Society

Member, Delaware State Bar Association Judicial Appointments Committee

Member, Richard S. Rodney American Inn of Court

Former Member and President, Board of Delaware Bar Foundation

Jenness Parker represents public and private companies, as well as their directors and officers, in significant litigation matters in the trial and appellate courts in Delaware and other courts around the country.

Ms. Parker has been repeatedly recognized in *Chambers USA* (including in its 2025 rankings), with clients noting that she "has complete mastery of complicated subject matter and she is great both in communicating with clients and in court" and is "a true expert who is very thoughtful and strategic." She has also repeatedly named to *The Best Lawyers in America* and to Lawdragon's list of the 500 Leading Litigators in America. Ms. Parker has advised clients on derivative and class actions, corporate governance disputes, M&A-related actions, books and records matters, appraisal proceedings, advancement and indemnification actions, other Delaware statutory matters, federal securities laws and complex contractual disputes. She has achieved success for her clients at all stages of litigation, including motion practice, preliminary and permanent injunctions, and trials. She also has unique experience utilizing a recent and novel Delaware statute to obtain judicial validation of certain corporate acts.

In addition, Ms. Parker frequently provides corporate governance and transactional advice on Delaware law relating to corporations, limited partnerships and limited liability companies. She has also represented companies, boards and special committees related to deal processes and litigation demands.

Ms. Parker has advised or is currently advising public and private companies around the world, as well as their directors and C-suite executives, including:

- American Apparel

- Amgen

- Archer Daniels

- Baxter International Inc.

- Booz Allen

- Cineworld Group

- CME Group

- Delek US

- Dentsply Sirona

- Devon Energy

- Express Scripts Holding Company

- Fortress

- Intel

- Krispy Kreme

- MTN Group

- ON Semiconductor

- Panera Bread Company

- Pine Brook Capital Partners

- Regal Entertainment Group

- Revance

- Six Flags

- SmileDirectClub

- Trimaran Capital Partners

- Vantiv

- Wayfair

In 2022, Ms. Parker was appointed by the Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery to its Rules Committee, which works directly with the judges to amend and improve the rules of the Court.

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She 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, Chancery Court and Superior Court judges. Twice-appointed by the Delaware Supreme Court, she served two four-year terms on the Delaware Bar Foundation, including a two-year term as president.

Ms. Parker 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. Ms. Parker was named a Delaware Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Delaware Law Weekly.

Selected Publications

- "Where's the Beef? Delaware Courts Nix Unripe Challenges to Advance Notice Bylaws and Uphold Bylaws Adopted 'on a Clear Day," Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, July 24, 2025, and Skadden Publication, July 2025
- "Delaware Supreme Court Reaffirms Protection of Arm's-Length Bargaining," Skadden Publication, June 20, 2025
- "Delaware Tells Companies: 'Let's Stay Together," Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, May 23, 2025, and Skadden Publication / The Informed Board, Spring 2025
- "Delaware Corporate Law: Recent Trends and Developments," Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, February 24, 2025, and Skadden Publication, February 17, 2025
- "What Companies Can Do to Protect Against Cyberattacks," Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, December 7, 2024
- "What Companies Can Do To Protect Against Cyberattacks ... and the Litigation That Often Follows," Skadden Publication, Fall 2024
- "Delaware Supreme Court Clarifies Standards Applicable To Advance Notice Bylaws," The M&A Lawyer, July-August 2024, Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, July 25, 2024, and Skadden Publication, July 16, 2024
- "Court of Chancery Issues First Decision Dismissing MultiPlan Claims," Skadden Publication, June 7, 2024
- "Delaware Court Denies Dismissal of Claims Based on Controller and Financial Advisor Conflicts," Skadden Publication, June 6, 2024
- "Delaware Courts Are Asking Just When a Stockholder Vote Is 'Fully Informed," Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, May 19, 2024, and Skadden Publication, Spring 2024
- "Corporate Boards Face ESG Pressure From Both the Left and Right," Skadden Insights Special Edition: Women's History Month, March 2024
- "Inside the Courts," Skadden Publication, Recurring publication