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Robyn Downing is a senior associate in Alston & Bird's Corporate & Business Transactions Group. She advises public and private companies on corporate governance matters, public offerings, capital structuring, and securities regulation and compliance. Robyn counsels institutional clients in domestic and cross-border M&A and corporate finance transactions across a wide range of industries. She also advises investment banks and financial advisors in M&A transactions.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Robyn interned with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement division, where she gained valuable insight into how the agency conducts investigations. In 2021, Robyn was selected as an inaugural winner of the Rising Star award at Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law.

### *Representative Experience*

- Advising public companies and their boards of directors on strategic decisions, risk oversight, governance, and SEC disclosure related to COVID-19.
- Advising companies on securities offerings of equity and debt.
- Counsel to one of the U.S.'s largest small-loan consumer finance companies in a \$300 million 144A senior notes offering.
- Counsel to multiple biopharmaceutical clients in various stages of development.
- Counsel to a U.S. subsidiary of a global renewable energy project owner and operator in the financing and development of several solar energy projects across the U.S.
- Represented a biopharmaceutical startup in a reverse merger in conjunction with private placement of common stock.
- Assisted a Netherlands-based floricultural company with its acquisition of a U.S.-based horticultural company.
- Counsel to a development-stage biotech company in its two-step sale transaction to a global generic pharmaceutical company.
- Represented the financial advisors of Worldpay in its acquisition by Fidelity National Information Services in a \$43 billion cash and stock transaction.
- Represented the financial advisors of Hormel Foods in its \$3.35 billion acquisition of Planters snack nut portfolio from Kraft Heinz.
- Represented the financial advisors of Hexion in its \$2 billion sale to private equity firm American Securities.
- Represented the financial advisors of Independence Energy in its \$5.7 billion business combination with Contango Oil & Gas.

- Represented the financial advisors of Diamond S Shipping Inc. in its \$416 million merger with International Seaways.

## *Education*

- Pace University (J.D., 2017)
- Marist College (B.S., 2014)

## *Admitted to Practice*

- New York

## *Related Services*

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