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Corporate clients choose René for her diverse background as a commercial transactions attorney with litigation experience. Her well-rounded approach is informed by her domestic and cross-border work in the technology, data, manufacturing, and automotive industries.

OVERVIEW

René serves as outside general counsel to technology based and manufacturing companies that have a global presence and are Tier 1 suppliers. Her clients rely on her experience with commercial transactions, technology licensing and consulting agreements, and data privacy compliance. Her domestic and global work in industries such as automotive and manufacturing is also enhanced by her previous work as a commercial litigator and by her experience with GDPR and CCPA.

René focuses her practice on domestic and international corporate transactions and real estate matters. She represents buyers and sellers in acquisitions, landlords and tenants in a variety of commercial leaseholds, and borrowers and lenders in financing transactions. Her international work includes transactions in England, Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Belgium, Scotland, Japan, Malaysia, China, Thailand, India, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, and Russia.

Corporate clients in a diverse range of industries turn to René to handle their full range of general commercial matters as well as their data privacy issues.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Serves as general counsel to an intellectual property-based, international company that supplies services and products to the automotive industry, and to several development-stage companies.
- Represents an international company with subsidiaries in Europe, Asia, the U.S., and Mexico as general counsel, providing day-to-day legal advice in the corporate, real estate, intellectual property, labor, ERISA, and tax areas.
- Represents a leading flat glass manufacturer as outside counsel to the general counsel, providing day-to-day legal advice in the corporate, real estate, labor, litigation, ERISA, antitrust, tax, and environmental areas.
- Represented a newly formed affiliate in the $101 million acquisition of a 49 percent interest in a limited liability company with more than 30 operations in Texas and Oklahoma.
- Represented a manufacturer and distributor of heating and cooling devices in its $33 million sale of its southern

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Michigan and northern Ohio distribution division.

- Represented a NYSE-listed corporation in its $44 million asset acquisition of an international division that supplies engineering services to the transportation industry.
- Represents numerous companies supplying manufactured products to the automotive industry.
- Represents development-stage companies in their private placements of debt and equity securities, including assisting in the preparation of offering documents and drafting investment documents, and thereafter as general counsel.
- Represented sellers in the $41 million sale of stock in a manufacturing entity with multiple facilities supplying to the automotive industry.
- Represented a publishing company in the $20 million sale of its assets.
- Represented a trucking company in asset and real estate acquisitions.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Corporate Law (2013-2027)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: “Lawyer of the Year” in Corporate Law (2017)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Real Estate

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Automotive
- Capital Markets
- Commercial Contracting
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- International
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Litigation + Trial
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Real Estate

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Former director of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth
- Member, American Bar Association
- Past chair of the Business Law Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1988, editor-in-chief, *University of Detroit Law Review*
- Wayne State University, B.S., 1985, business/accounting, Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan