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Chelsea is committed to delivering effective and efficient litigation advice and representation to clients.

Chelsea is a partner in Dorsey's Trial Group. She has experience representing clients in securities, commodities, antitrust, False Claims Act, and business litigation or investigations. She has experience representing clients in proceedings before state and federal courts, the SEC, CFTC, and DOJ, and international arbitration tribunals.

Chelsea has successfully defended Big 4 accountants in numerous malpractice and other disputes stemming from their provision of tax, audit, or advisory services. She also has substantial experience handling shareholder litigation, including litigation involving public companies and disputes between shareholders of closely-held companies. She also has substantial experience representing trustees and beneficiaries in trusts and estate matters, including actions alleging breaches of fiduciary duty, seeking removal of trustees, and/or seeking trust accountings or instructions.

Prior to joining Dorsey, Chelsea practiced at a large law firm in New York City for eight years. While in New York, Chelsea developed deep knowledge of securities and commodities markets, and routinely advised financial professionals and trading firms regarding regulatory compliance, or represented them in enforcement actions or litigation. Chelsea also has substantial experience representing overseas companies and governments. She is well-versed in the legal issues confronted by overseas persons doing business in the United States.

Chelsea also has expertise regarding U.S. economic sanctions compliance. She has led internal investigations concerning OFAC compliance, represented both domestic and overseas clients before OFAC, and provided in-house training on OFAC compliance to employees.

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D., 2008)
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A., 2005)
 - with distinction

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- New York

Select Experience

- Obtained dismissal of all antitrust claims asserted against global commodities company in consolidated class action brought in New York federal court, in which plaintiffs sought billions of dollars in damages.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims asserted against a Big 4 accounting firm in malpractice litigation brought in New York state court.
- On eve of trial, successfully moved in limine to eliminate all damages sought from a Big 4 accounting firm in a malpractice action brought in New York state court.
- Secured favorable settlement for plaintiff water treatment company in case brought in New York federal court, wherein plaintiff asserted claim for wrongful termination of exclusive distribution agreement.

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Co-Chair of the Minnesota Women Lawyers CLE & MMM Committee
- Board Member of Perspectives, Inc. (2023-present)
- Board Member, Trademark Theater (2019-2021)
- Pro bono representation of asylum applicants
- Pro bono representation of Perspectives, Inc. – a non-profit organization that provides recovery and housing services to mothers struggling with mental illness and addiction – in Housing Court

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Volunteer reader for Reader/Writer Program that connects professionals with middle school students in underprivileged school districts

Accolades

- *Minnesota Monthly*, Top Lawyer in Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2024
- Contributed more than 50 Diversity & Inclusion hours, 2023-2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2017-2023