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Susan Murley is a senior partner in the Corporate Practice Group. She served as the firm's co-managing partner from 2012–2023. Ms. Murley also served as chair of the Transactional Department, chair of the Corporate Practice Group, and chair of the firm's Hiring Committee and was a member of the firm's Management Committee. She is also a former member of the Executive Committee. Ms. Murley joined the firm in 1986.

Ms. Murley has more than 35 years of experience in representing private and public companies in the technology, life sciences and finance sectors, among others. She concentrates her practice primarily in the areas of corporate finance, mergers and acquisition, corporate governance and general corporate counseling.

Ms. Murley has represented companies and underwriters in more than 75 initial and follow-on public offerings, and has led a number of transactions in the mergers and acquisitions area, the private issuances of securities and license and distribution agreements.

Ms. Murley is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association.

Solutions

Capital Markets

Emerging Company and
Venture Capital

Technology

Corporate Governance and
Disclosure

Life Sciences

Cross-Border Transactions

Mergers and Acquisitions

Experience

PUBLIC COMPANY CLIENTS

Akamai Technologies
Aspect Medical Systems
BioSphere Medical
The First Marblehead Corporation
NxStage Medical
Idenix Pharmaceuticals
Sepracor Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

Many life sciences and high technology industry public offerings for both issuers and underwriters
Venture capital financing for companies in the biotechnology, medical device and technology industries
A wide range of merger and acquisition transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions of numerous public and private companies
Strategic alliances in the life sciences industry
General corporate and securities law advice to companies and boards of directors

Recognition



Named to Hall of Fame

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

2023



Selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award

New England Legal Awards

2023



Named A Law Firm Transformative Leader

Corporate Counsel

2018

- Named a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer – independently rated and selected by clients (2023-2024).

- Named to the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* inaugural Hall of Fame class. This honor is awarded to Massachusetts-based lawyers with amassing career accomplishments, who have contributed to the development of law and improved the quality of justice in Massachusetts.
- Selected for a Lifetime Achievement award for leaving a lasting imprint on the legal community in *American Lawyer Media's* 2023 New England Legal Awards.
- Named Managing Partner of the Year in *Corporate Counsel's* Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards 2023.
- Selected by peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America for corporate governance law (2023–2024).
- Featured as a part of *The Boston Globe* and The Women's Edge (formerly known as The Commonwealth Institute) annual Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts from 2013–2023.
- Named to *Boston Magazine's* inaugural Top Lawyers list in 2021 and 2022 in the area of corporate law.
- Recognized by Corporate Counsel's 2018 National Woman in Law Awards in the Law Firm Transformative Leadership category.
- Named among the "Top Women Attorneys in Massachusetts in 2016," and selected as a "Massachusetts *Super Lawyer*" for business law in the 2004–2006, 2012–2015 and 2018 issues of *Boston Magazine*.
- Named to *The National Law Journal's* inaugural list of "Outstanding Women Lawyers" in 2015.
- Selected as a "Top Women of Law" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* in September 2011.

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, University of Virginia
School of Law, 1986

BA, Tufts University, 1981

summa cum laude

Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

England and Wales, Registered

Foreign Lawyer