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Stewart L. McDowell is a partner in the San Francisco and New York offices of Gibson Dunn where she is Co-Chair of the firm's Capital Markets Practice Group.

Stewart represents companies, investors and underwriters in a variety of complex capital markets transactions, including IPOs, convertible and non-convertible debt and preferred equity offerings, spin-offs, PIPEs and liability management transactions. She also represents companies in connection with U.S. and cross-border M&A and strategic investments, SEC reporting, corporate governance and general corporate matters.

Awards and Accolades:

- *Chambers USA*, "Capital Markets: Debt & Equity" (2012 – 2026)
- *Best Lawyers®,* "Lawyer of the Year: Corporate Law, San Francisco" (2019, 2026); "Lawyer of the Year: Banking and Finance Law, San Francisco" (2021)
- *Expert Guides,* "Women in Business Law" (2021 - 2022)
- *Expert Guides,* "Banking, Finance and Transactional Guide" (2020)

Representative Clients and Transactions:

- Advised issuers or underwriters in the IPOs of issuers including Cricut, Parson Corporation, Zevia PBC, Viant, Restoration Hardware, and Magnite
- Advised the Public Investment Fund on multiple investments in Lucid Group, including convertible preferred stock, common stock and prepaid forward transactions
- Advised issuers such as Coget Bioscience, Magnite, Advanced Energy Industries, Inc., Welltower Inc., and Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals in the issuance of convertible senior notes
- Wells Fargo Securities Advised in over $100 billion of offerings by Wells Fargo & Company and Wells Fargo Bank
- Advised Intuit Inc. in the issuance of $4.0 billion of Senior Notes
- Advised Elliott Management in its convertible preferred stock investments in Western Digital and Travelport
- Advised Glassdoor, Inc. in its sale to Recruit Holdings, Ltd.
- Advised Uber Technologies, Inc. in the sale of its South East Asia business to Grab Taxi
- Advised HTC Corporation in its business cooperation arrangements involving sale of a portion of HTC's virtual reality business and smart phone business to Google

Capabilities

Capital Markets
Consumer Products and Retail
ESG: Risk, Litigation, and Reporting
Emerging Companies / Venture Capital
Finance
Financial Institutions
Fintech and Digital Assets
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity
Robotics
Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

Credentials

Education

University of Virginia - 1995 Juris Doctor
Princeton University - 1991 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar
California Bar

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