

Maria Trainor | Partner

Corporate

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Maria ("Masha") Trainor focuses her practice on international and domestic mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance matters, joint ventures, private debt and equity financings, commercial transactions, and contract management, as well as venture capital and private equity transactions.

She has counseled clients in connection with negotiated and hostile acquisitions, joint ventures, private and public securities offerings, corporate restructuring and recapitalization transactions, business formation, planning and governance matters, strategic and financial investments, financings of emerging growth companies, and commercial contracts.

Masha has represented a broad range of clients, including private and public companies, emerging growth businesses, and financial investors in a diverse range of industries, including FinTech, manufacturing, healthcare, proprietary education, technology, oil and gas, and robotics, among others.

Prior to joining Blank Rome, Masha served as vice president, general counsel, and secretary for Ampco-Pittsburgh Corporation, a NYSE-listed manufacturer of custom-engineered industrial equipment. As a member of the executive leadership team, Masha provided advice to the company board, CEO, and corporate and segment leaders on a wide variety of legal, compliance, and governance matters, including public company, M&A, capital markets, commercial, litigation, compliance, and intellectual property. She also worked with the company's auditors and executive compensation consultants on various projects and engagements. Prior to Ampco-Pittsburgh, Masha was a partner at a large global law firm.

During law school, Masha served as the notes and comments editor of the *Tulsa*

Law Journal. She is fluent in Russian.

Outside The Firm

Masha enjoys traveling the world with her teenage daughter, playing tennis, and staying physically active. She is also an frequent participant in a variety of community and charitable initiatives and events.

Select Engagements

- As general counsel, successfully directed all legal matters associated with the acquisition and integration of three businesses (both cross-border and domestic), a tax-driven international restructuring transaction, a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks, a Chinese joint venture reorganization, a real estate sale and leaseback financing transaction, and three asset divestitures.
- Represented a public company that is a leading supplier of value-added, technology-based products and services for rail, transit, and other global industries in connection with strategic acquisitions and international joint ventures.
- Represented a public company that is an integrated global producer of complex chemicals and treated wood products in connection with strategic acquisitions.
- Represented a public company with multiple business segments in connection with commercial contract management; acted as one of the leading partners on a project involving the implementation of a contract management system, as well as the drafting and negotiation of a variety of commercial contracts (distributor, supply, sales representative, product development, and other agreements).
- Represented a public company in the energy and oil exploration industry in connection with several acquisitions and a joint venture, ranging in value from \$25 million to \$700 million.
- Represented a privately held technology company in the emerging payments space in connection with a \$200 million sale to a multinational Internet and software company.
- Represented a privately held Russian company in connection with an acquisition of several privately held U.S. and European companies involved in the distribution of a television channel for the Russian-speaking population in the United States and Europe.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Education

- Missouri Southern State University, BS, summa cum laude

- University of Tulsa College of Law, JD
- University of Tulsa, MBA

Professional Activities

Masha serves on the board of directors for the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Previously, she served on the Executive Leadership Committee for the American Heart Association's Pittsburgh Heart Walk 2017 and on the Host Committee for 2020 Women on Boards.