

Maria Trainor | Partner
Corporate

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Maria (“Masha”) Trainor focuses her practice on international and domestic mergers, acquisitions, and buyouts; corporate governance matters; joint ventures; commercial transactions; and contract management. She has also counseled clients in connection with private and public securities offerings, corporate restructuring and recapitalization transactions, as well as business formation and planning.

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 transportation, industrial manufacturing, aviation, food and beverage, professional services, hospitality, waste management, FinTech, 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 a frequent participant in a variety of community and charitable initiatives and events.

Select Engagements

- Represented a publicly traded global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions, and value-added services for the freight and transit rail industries in connection with multiple acquisitions and divestitures.
- Represented a leading manufacturer of flight simulators and other flight training devices, as well as a provider of pilot and crew training services, in connection with multiple acquisitions, a corporate carve-out transaction, and multiple commercial matters.
- Represented one of the leading alcohol wholesalers in the United States and the largest broker in Canada in connection with multiple acquisitions.
- Represented a publicly held Business Development Company in connection with multiple acquisitions and equity investment transactions.
- Represented a privately held German portfolio company in connection with an acquisition of a medical device company in the United States.
- Represented owners of a privately held waste management company in connection with its sale to a publicly held acquirer.
- Represented a publicly held luxury adventure travel company in connection with an acquisition of a privately held cycling adventure travel company.
- As general counsel of a public company, 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.
- Represented a privately held technology company in the emerging payments space in connection with a sale to Google LLC.
- 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, MBA
- University of Tulsa College of Law, JD, highest honors, Law Review

Recognitions

2023, listed in *The Legal 500 United States*

Professional Activities

Masha serves on the Board of Directors for the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and chairs the Governance Committee of the Board. Masha regularly gets involved in leadership activities with both charitable and professional organizations and missions, on local and national scale, such as 50/50 Women on Boards.