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Based in San Francisco, Michelle Edwards is a counsel in the firm's corporate group. Michelle has advised clients for more than 20 years on a wide variety of general corporate matters, including numerous venture capital, M&A and capital market transactions. Michelle represents companies throughout their life cycle, from formation through financings, growth through business combinations and exit transactions. She also has broad experience counseling publicly listed companies on securities law, ESG and compliance matters.

Earlier in her legal career, Michelle was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she practiced for nearly 15 years advising clients on corporate governance, securities regulation and transactional matters. She also previously acted as counsel and corporate secretary for the board of a leading online career platform, where she worked on the company's initial public offering and advised on issues that involved the board of directors and corporate governance.

Michelle earned a BA summa cum laude from Yale University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a JD with distinction from Stanford Law School. She also holds an MA in Russian and East European Studies from Stanford University, where she was a recipient of the Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship.

Practice Areas

-  Corporate
-  Mergers & Acquisitions
-  Securities & Capital Raising
-  Emerging Growth Companies & Venture Capital

Admissions

↪ State Bar of California

Professional or Trade Affiliations

↪ Society for Corporate Governance

Education

↪ J.D., Stanford Law School, with distinction

↪ M.A., Russian and East European Studies, Stanford University

↪ B.A., Yale University, *summa cum laude*

Recent Publications

↪ VLP Counsel Michelle Edwards Quoted in Recorder Article “Remote Work Isn't the Only Reason Lawyers Are Flocking to Virtual Firms”
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