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Practice Areas

- ▶ Emerging & Growth Business
- ▶ Mergers & Acquisitions
- ▶ Securities & Corporate Governance

Education

- ▶ Wayne State University Law School
J.D., *magna cum laude*
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- ▶ University of Michigan
B.S. *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- ▶ Michigan

Overview

Sara Kruse co-chairs and works within our Emerging & Growth Business practice while also serving her third consecutive term on our Board of Directors. She is an experienced and trusted advisor, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, private debt and equity financings, venture capital, strategic partnerships, corporate governance, and other general corporate matters across diverse industries. Sara's clients value her attention to detail, responsiveness, and ability to provide practical legal advice in difficult and complex situations. Sara works with her clients from beginning to end, delivering personal attention and sophisticated solutions.

Significant Matters

- ▶ Represented Swift Biosciences in its sale to Danaher subsidiary Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT)
- ▶ Frequently acts as company counsel in significant capital raising transactions
- ▶ Frequently acts as investor counsel in private investment transactions
- ▶ Represented Celsee, Inc. in its sale to Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.
- ▶ Represented Quantum Signal in its sale to Ford
- ▶ Represented SPLT in its sale to BOSCH
- ▶ Represented Compendia Bioscience, Inc. in its sale to Life Technologies Corporation
- ▶ Represented HandyLab, Inc. and Accuri Cytometers, Inc. in their sale transactions to Becton, Dickinson and Company
- ▶ Acted as counsel to both buyers and sellers in significant recent merger and acquisition transactions having an aggregate value well in excess of \$1 billion

Speaking Engagements

- ▶ "Equity Incentives Alternatives," VC University LIVE, May 15, 2019

Affiliations

- ▶ Michigan Venture Capital Association, Member and Former Board Member
- ▶ State Bar of Michigan
- ▶ Oakland County Bar Association
- ▶ Inforum
- ▶ Techstars – Detroit mentor

Recognition

- *Crain's* Notable Women in Law 2019 honoree
- *Corp! Magazine* Most Valuable Professional 2019
- *Crain's* Detroit Business "Women in Tech", 2015
- Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Women in the Law", 2015
- Super Lawyers Magazine Michigan Rising Star, 2010