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OVERVIEW

Auriel is a creative problem solver who meets complex client needs in corporate transactions.

Auriel's primary focus is representing privately held companies on both the buy and sell side of mergers and acquisitions. She routinely handles due diligence and the drafting of transactional and ancillary documents, predominantly for middle market transactions. While Auriel works with clients across industries, she is particularly experienced with healthcare, often representing hospitals, healthcare organizations, and hospice providers in both transactions and general corporate matters. In addition to her work with mergers and acquisitions, a small portion of her practice is also dedicated to assisting clients with commercial contract review, operating agreements, and corporate governance matters.

Prior to entering the legal field, Auriel began her career with more than eight years' experience in social work and behavioral health administration. The work involved navigating serious situations and gave Auriel the confidence to readily approach the negotiating table for sophisticated corporate transactions. It also gave her a solid foundation in complex, creative problem solving—a skill she draws on today to ensure that client deals cross the finish line.

Clients appreciate Auriel's confident negotiating skills and know they can count on her to advocate for their interests—and to never shy away from a challenge. They also appreciate how approachable and responsive she is: Auriel believes that most problems arise from communication breakdowns, and she prioritizes timely responses.

Industries

Education
Healthcare
Life Sciences

Services

Aviation
Corporate
Hemp Food & Beverage
Mergers & Acquisitions
Securities & Corporate Governance

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Experience

- Served as buyer's counsel to StoneX Commodity Solutions, a subsidiary of StoneX Group Inc., in the acquisition of Advanced Marketing Group, LLC.
- Guided hydrogen technologies company through two-stage Series Seed/A offering, securing $12.5 million investment from international investors.
- Served as counsel to a consortium of orthopedic practices—The Orthopedic Institute of Wisconsin—in the roll up and sale of 14 Wisconsin-based groups and two ambulatory surgery centers to Surgery Partners.
- Extensive experience advising clients on commercial contracting matters, including services agreements, supply agreements, confidentiality agreements, and terms and conditions.
- Served as outside transactional and regulatory counsel to Marshfield Clinic Health System in a merger with Sanford Health, the largest rural health system in the United States. The combined system serves patients and communities across the upper Midwest, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Iowa, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
- Served on U.S. counsel team for TXO, a global leader in sustainable technology lifecycle solutions, in its acquisition of the AirWay Group of companies, leading providers of network infrastructure products and services.

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Education

- J.D., Marquette University Law School
  - *cum laude*
  - *Marquette Law Review*, Volume 105 Technology Editor
- M.A., Alverno College
  - Adult Education
- B.A., Alverno College
  - with honors
  - Psychology

Admissions

- Wisconsin



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