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Vanessa advises clients on a broad range of general corporate matters and works to understand the legal and business considerations underlying their goals.

Vanessa assists clients throughout the business lifecycle, from entity formation and financing transactions to strategic acquisitions, governance matters, and ongoing corporate compliance. She has experience working with clients across a variety of industries, including banking and financial services, mining, healthcare and life sciences, and technology. She routinely researches complex legal issues relating to corporate governance and compliance and drafts and reviews a variety of corporate and commercial documents, including asset purchase agreements, subscription agreements, stock option agreements, distributor agreements, and entity formation and dissolution documents.

Before joining Dorsey, Vanessa gained hands-on experience in legal practice as a senior paralegal, where she drafted court filings and contracts, conducted legal research, communicated with clients, and helped manage legal and business operations across corporate, real estate, and civil litigation practices. During law school, she served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Jerry N. Jones of the Colorado Court of Appeals and as a staff editor for the Denver Law Review. She was also a senior editor and contributor to Race to the Bottom, the law school's corporate law publication, where she authored and edited articles on corporate governance, securities regulation, mergers and acquisitions.

Vanessa is deeply committed to pro bono matters, regularly assisting with nonprofit incorporations and asylum applicants.

Education

- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law (J.D., 2025)
 - Certificate in Corporate & Commercial Law
 - Robert B. Yegge Scholarship
- University of Colorado Denver (B.S., International Business, Management, and Human Resources Management, 2021)
 - *summa cum laude*
 - American Association of University Women Scholarship
 - Parker, CO Teen Court Scholarship
 - Chancellor Lesh E. Laurie Scholarship
 - CU Denver Transfer Pathway Scholarship

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

