

Elizabeth M. Saunders

PARTNER EMERITUS

EXPERIENCE

Elizabeth Saunders retired as a partner from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in July 2016. During her tenure, Elizabeth's practice focused on complex commercial litigation, merger litigation, corporate governance, intellectual property litigation, and intellectual property counseling.

Elizabeth has represented companies and private equity firms in litigation arising out of mergers and merger agreements and has counseled companies on issues related to corporate governance. She has represented dozens of technology companies in commercial disputes and defended several companies in securities class actions. She also has extensive experience representing technology and other companies in intellectual property litigation and counseling, including trade secret, copyright, and patent disputes.

Elizabeth previously was co-chair of the firm's Career Development Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Notre Dame Law School
Magna Cum Laude; Editor, Notre Dame Law Review
- B.A., University of Notre Dame
With Honors

CLIENTS

Select Clients

- Acxiom
- Borland Software
- Chiaro Networks
- Coherent
- DIRECTV
- Epeius Biotechnologies
- Francisco Partners
- Groupe Canal+
- MicroAge
- New York Stock Exchange
- Oplink Communications
- Quantum
- Seagate Technology
- Ventana Medical Systems

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- "Delaware Chancery Court Reaffirms Strength of Business Judgment Rule in Wake of Major Financial Crisis," *Corporation*, Vol. LXXX, No. 7, April 2009 (article originally published as a WSGR

- Alert)
- Co-author with David Berger, "Federal Court Allows Activist Stockholders to Vote Shares at Annual Meeting despite Failure to Comply with Disclosure Obligations of Federal Securities Laws," WSGR Alert, June 19, 2008
 - Co-author with David Berger, "Delaware Chancery Court Allows Activist Stockholder to Nominate Director Candidates without Complying with Advance-Notice Provision of Bylaws," WSGR Alert, April 16, 2008
 - Co-author with David Berger, "Delaware Chancery Court Issues a Trio of Opinions Reminding Boards and Corporate Counsel to Carefully Review Corporate Contracts and Documents," WSGR Alert, April 9, 2008
 - Co-author with David Berger, "Delaware Chancery Court Upholds "Go-Shop" Provisions—But Enjoins Shareholder Votes Pending Supplemental Proxy Disclosures and Waiver of Standstill Agreement," *Corporation*, Vol. LXXVIII, No. 14, July 2007 (article originally published as a WSGR Alert)