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FOCUS AREAS

Corporate
Corporate Governance
Emerging Companies
Latin America
Mergers & Acquisitions

EXPERIENCE

Vanessa Jacob Heck is Of Counsel in the New York office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. She focuses on the representation of private and publicly held emerging growth companies and venture capital and private equity funds that invest in those companies, and she is broadly experienced with corporate formation and governance, VC financings, reorganizations, and M&A transaction structures. Vanessa's work with companies spans the entire corporate lifecycle, including strategic decisions and coaching prior to incorporation, general corporate representation and counseling, venture capital financings, and mergers and acquisitions. Vanessa has represented numerous U.S. investors with venture financings and strategies for maximizing liquidity and returns.

Vanessa has significant international venture capital experience, particularly in Latin America. Prior to joining the firm, she worked as an attorney in the New York office of Gunderson Dettmer for nearly five years. Vanessa began private practice in Brazil in 2005, where she worked at one of the most prestigious law firms in the country in the corporate area, focusing on corporate governance and mergers and acquisitions.

In addition to English, Vanessa is fluent in Portuguese and Italian, and she is knowledgeable in German.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- LL.M., Duke University School of Law, 2009
- LL.B., Universidade de São Paulo do Largo de São Francisco, Brazil, 2004

Honors

- Named among *Latinvex's* "Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers" for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

Admissions

- Brazilian Bar Association
- State Bar of New York