



**Meredith B. Cross**

**Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP**

Meredith B. Cross is co-chair of the Corporate Department at WilmerHale. Ms. Cross is the former Deputy Director and Chief Counsel of the Division of Corporation Finance of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Representing clients in corporate and securities matters, she has experience with the full range of issues faced by public and private companies in capital raising and public reporting.

Ms. Cross's practice is primarily focused on advising public companies and underwriters on corporate finance securities law matters, including disclosure and other requirements under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as the requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. She serves as issuer's counsel and underwriters' counsel in public and private offerings of debt and equity securities. She also handles matters for companies with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including requests for no-action or interpretive positions and disclosure and financial statement reviews by the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance at the SEC.

Prior to joining the firm in February 1998, Ms. Cross served as Deputy Director of the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC. She was involved with a number of corporate finance rulemakings, including, among others, changes to shelf registration, electronic delivery of prospectuses and other information to investors, the plain English initiatives, limited partnership roll-up rules, and small issue exemptions from registration and reporting.

Before becoming Deputy Director of the Division of Corporation Finance, Ms. Cross served as Associate Director of the Division's sections on International Corporate Finance and Small Business. In the international area, she played a key role in the ongoing development of international disclosure and accounting standards for use in cross-border offerings. Ms. Cross also previously served as the Division's Chief Counsel. As Chief Counsel, she was responsible for no-action letters and legal interpretations in the Division on a wide range of matters, including Rule 144, Section 16, registration of employee benefit plans and exemptions from registration and reporting.

**Professional Activities**

Ms. Cross is a frequent speaker at securities law conferences, including the Northwestern University Annual Securities Regulation Institute and programs sponsored by the Practising Law Institute.

## **Education**

Ms. Cross is a graduate of Duke University (B.A. 1979, *cum laude*) and Vanderbilt University (J.D. 1982, Order of the Coif), where she was a member of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. Following graduation from law school, she clerked for a year for Judge Albert J. Henderson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

## **Honors and Awards**

- Recognized for her exceptional securities practice in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2006*
- Consistently selected by peers for inclusion in the *The Best Lawyers in America* (2005-2006, 2006 and 2007 editions)