



Molly Werhan

Associate | Co-Chair, Diversity + Inclusion

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Molly focuses her practice in the areas of Business, Mergers + Acquisitions, and Franchising. After clerking for Kegler Brown during law school, she joined the firm in 2016.

Business

Molly provides counsel to businesses and entrepreneurs during every stage of the business life cycle, from entity formation to succession planning. She advises companies on a wide range of matters, from negotiating ownership agreements and complex commercial contracts to growth strategies such as capital raising, joint ventures, acquisitions, and franchising.

Mergers + Acquisitions

Molly represents business owners in a variety of acquisition transactions, as part of both growth and exit strategies, including mergers, asset purchases, sales of businesses, divestitures, and reorganizations.

Franchising

Molly also focuses on franchise issues, working closely with small business owners to open or expand existing franchise portfolios, navigating the complex regulatory framework for current or potential franchisors, and mediating the sensitive franchisee–franchisor relationships.

Diversity + Inclusion

Molly leads the firm’s Diversity + Inclusion efforts with co-chair Apps Akpofure, with the mission of creating an environment that reflects the diversity of culture, thought, and background of the community in which we work and live. Kegler Brown strives to foster an inclusive culture where every person is empowered to freely share their ideas, experiences, and beliefs, and to make the firm a place where every member has a deep sense of pride, passion, and belonging.

Professional Affiliations

- + Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio, Board Member, Secretary
- + American Bar Association Forum on Franchising, Marketing Committee, member
- + Columbus Bar Association, member
- + CBA Barrister Leadership Program, Class of 2017, Planning Committee (2018)
- + Women Lawyers of Franklin County, member

Charitable + Civic Involvement

- + Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) Tenant Advocacy Project, Volunteer
- + South Side Early Learning, Board Member, Secretary
- + Community Shelter Board, Women Leaders Group
- + Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, Board Fellow, 2015-2016

Special Honors

- + The American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education Scholarship & Leadership Award
- + The *Ohio State Law Journal* Past Editors’ Award
- + The Ernest E. Karam Book Award for Excellence in Legal Analysis and Writing
- + The Moritz College of Law Public Service Law Fellow with Recognition

Bar Admissions

- + Ohio

Education

- + The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2016)
- + University of Michigan (B.S. Architecture, 2009)