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Ms. Leahy concentrates her practice in corporate and business law. She counsels both established and emerging businesses on general corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, compliance with securities regulations, and issues involving venture capital funding.

Ms. Leahy is chair of Bodman's executive management committee.

Ms. Leahy has drafted and negotiated transactional documents for publicly and privately held entities, including private equity and family office platforms, involved in mergers and acquisitions ranging in size from $250,000 to more than $1 billion. She has drafted and negotiated operating and joint venture agreements and advised corporate boards in connection with various transactions. She has also advised clients on entity formation, corporate governance and other general business issues. Ms. Leahy has extensive experience working with the University of Michigan's Technology Transfer Office and is part of a Bodman team that has represented a significant number of start-up and spin-off companies that have recently licensed technology from U of M.

She has particular experience serving as M&A and general corporate counsel to businesses in the plastics and packaging, fire safety, high tech, transportation, general manufacturing, and other industries. For example, Ms. Leahy is M&A counsel to Guardian Fire Protection Services and in 2024, she negotiated the sale of a majority interest in Guardian and three related first safety companies to Knox Lane. She

practices & industries

Mergers and Acquisitions

Business

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Automotive and Industrial

education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, J.D.

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Certificate in Environmental Law

University of Michigan, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

has also served as lead counsel in more than twelve M&A transactions involving plastics and packaging companies and numerous roll-up acquisitions for Guardian.

Ms. Leahy's securities law experience includes representing clients in connection with public and private securities offerings; preparing registration statements, proxy statements, and periodic reports; and advising clients generally on their securities law obligations. Ms. Leahy also assists public companies with their NYSE and NASDAQ listing and reporting requirements.

Ms. Leahy recently finished serving on the board of directors of Inforum Michigan. She is also a board member for the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone Local Development Finance Authority. Ms. Leahy also serves on the board of the Detroit Regional Chamber. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section Council.

In 2025, *Crain's Detroit Business* honored Ms. Leahy as one of Michigan's Notable M&A Dealmakers, and in 2021, she was recognized as one of Michigan's 100 Most Influential Women. *DBusiness* magazine has four times listed her among Detroit's 500 Most Powerful Business Leaders (2019, 2022, 2024, 2025). Ms. Leahy has been listed in *Chambers USA* under Corporate/M&A, in *IFLR1000* under Mergers & Acquisitions, in *DBusiness* magazine "Top Lawyers" 2027 under Mergers and Acquisitions Law, in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2019-2026* under Business/Corporate Law, and in *The Best Lawyers in America 2021-2027* under Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law.

For ICLE, Ms. Leahy has authored materials in the past on Choosing a Business Entity and moderated a panel discussion on "Advising the New Startup Company: Formation and Funding" (2013).

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *Crain's Detroit Business* Women of Influence, 2026
- *Crain's Detroit Business* Notable M&A Dealmakers, 2025
- *Crain's Detroit Business 100 Most Influential Women*, 2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America© 2021-2027*, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- *IFLR1000* 2025, Mergers & Acquisitions "Highly Regarded Practitioner"-Michigan
- *Chambers USA 2013-2018, 2025-2026*, Corporate/M&A
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2013, 2014, 2018-2025, 2027, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

- *DBusiness* "Detroit 500" Most Powerful Business Leaders (2019, 2022, 2024, 2025)
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2019-2026*, Business/Corporate
- *Michigan Rising Stars 2009-2012*, Corporate Law

CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone Local Development Finance Authority
  - Member, Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the Board
- Inforum Michigan
  - Former Member, Board of Directors
- Detroit Regional Chamber
  - Member, Board of Directors
- United Way of Washtenaw County Campaign Cabinet
  - Past Member

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Business Law Section Council (2018-)
  - Served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Chair

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, "Changing Tides in Mergers and Acquisitions," Crain's Detroit Business Power Breakfast (April 9, 2025)

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Mark W. Peters), "Updating Your Company's Disclosures in the Time of COVID-19," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, April 2020