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Danielle Dudding Irvine is an associate at Axinn and advises clients on antitrust litigation, regulatory compliance, and merger review across a broad range of industries, including technology, aerospace and defense, and pharmaceuticals. She also has experience representing clients in commercial litigation involving complex contractual and transactional disputes across all types of industries, including retail, healthcare, and financial services.

She has provided counsel and analysis of proposed mergers and acquisitions, Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) and pre-merger filing notifications, and Second Request compliance in multibillion-dollar transactions. Her litigation and counseling experience includes state, federal, and appellate appearances, mediations and arbitrations, and investigations before the DOJ and FTC. Danielle also has extensive pro bono experience, primarily with wrongful conviction work. Prior to joining Axinn, Danielle practiced in the litigation and antitrust departments of a national law firm, where she advised clients facing complex civil and criminal litigation and investigations.

Danielle earned her JD at Vanderbilt University Law School, Order of the Coif, where she served as the executive editor of the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law.

While in law school, Danielle interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She holds an undergraduate degree in International Studies from Southern Methodist University.

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association, Antitrust Section
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- American Health Law Association (AHLA)
- Memphis Bar Association, Co-Chair, Diversity & Outreach Committee (2020); Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors (2018 – 2019)

Experience

- Represented Ball Corporation in its \$5.6 billion sale of its aerospace division to BAE Systems.
- Represented First Advantage in its \$2.2 billion acquisition of Sterling Check Corp.
- Represented McKesson Corporation, a leading diversified healthcare services company, in a joint venture combining McKesson's U.S. Oncology Research (USOR) and HCA Healthcare Inc.'s (HCA) Sarah Cannon Research Institute (SCRI).
- Represented individuals successfully in DOJ no-poach and bid-rigging investigations.
- Represented Alvogen in an antitrust and patent infringement litigation regarding Indivior's opioid dependency treatment drug Suboxone[®] Film. The court denied a motion for summary judgment directed to Alvogen's antitrust claim directed to exclusionary rebating practices. The case was the first of its kind in the pharmaceutical industry where the antitrust plaintiff was able to avoid summary judgment.
- Served as co-counsel in a pro bono wrongful conviction proceeding, resulting in the client's exoneration.

Honors

- Mid-South Super Lawyers, "Rising Star" (2021)
- Memphis Business Journal, Best of the Bar Honoree Ace Associate (2020)
- Empire State Counsel Honoree for pro bono service (2022)

Education

• JD - Order of the Coif, Vanderbilt University Law School (2016)

• BA, International Studies, magna cum laude - Southern Methodist University (2012)

Admissions

- New York
- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee

Quotes

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