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Julie Rizzo focuses her practice on securities law compliance and corporate governance. She brings a unique perspective to her clients, having worked for a leading technology company, a federal regulator, and a Big Four accounting firm.

Prior to joining Parker Poe, Julie served as corporate counsel for Red Hat. Julie was a member of the corporate legal group and served as Red Hat's in-house securities lawyer. She was a member of the legal team that navigated the company through its \$34 billion acquisition by IBM and was responsible for Red Hat's securities law compliance and managing acquisition-related communications. During her tenure at Red Hat, she also worked closely with the finance and marketing teams on a broad range of corporate communications and the human resources team on internal investigations.

Julie is a former attorney-advisor for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. As an attorney-advisor in the SEC's Division of Corporate Finance, she reviewed Securities Act and Exchange Act filings for compliance with disclosure requirements, assisted in rulemakings related to asset-backed securities, and participated for three seasons on the Shareholder Proposal Task Force.

Earlier in her career, Julie served as a staff accountant for PwC, auditing clients in industries that included technology, real estate, and education.

**Julie is licensed to practice law in New York and the District of Columbia only and is not licensed in North Carolina.*

CLIENT ALERTS

- "SEC Extends COVID-19 Filing Period Relief and Offers Disclosure Guidance," March 2020
- "SEC Regulatory Relief and Guidance for Companies Affected by the Coronavirus," March 2020
- "Coronavirus Disclosure Considerations for SEC Filings," March 2020



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EDUCATION

Georgetown University
 JD, 2002
 Georgetown University
 BS, *magna cum laude*, 1998



ADMISSIONS

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PUBLICATIONS

- "Practical Tips for Navigating SEC Comment Letters," Corporate Compliance Insights, February 2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Proxy Statement Interactive Seminar Panelist," Donnelley Financial Solutions Corporate Governance Communications Strategies for Shareholder Engagement, Raleigh, N.C., November 2017

HONORS

- Red Hat's General H. Hugh Shelton Chairman's Award Winner, 2018
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Productivity Improvement Award, 2009 (Presented to the Shareholder Proposal Task Force)