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Michelle Lara handles a broad range of executive compensation and employee benefits matters for a wide variety of clients, from large, publicly traded corporations to startup companies.

• Employment

She provides comprehensive advice with respect to the design, implementation and administration of stock option and other equity-based incentive plans, cash incentive plans, executive employment and severance arrangements, non-qualified deferred compensation plans, health and welfare benefit plans and tax-qualified retirement plans. Michelle has extensive experience advising clients on these matters in mergers and acquisitions, spinoffs, initial public offerings and other complex corporate transactions.

Michelle has decades of compensation and benefits experience and has helped more than 100 companies in the life science and technology industries. Her experience includes hundreds of mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings and other corporate transactions. Michelle also has extensive experience counseling mature public companies regarding their compensation and benefits programs.

Michelle's most recent transactional experience includes:

- US\$3 billion public company acquisition as the buyer
- US\$282 million initial public offering as the issuer
- US\$3.6 billion sale of public company as the seller
- US\$175 million initial public offering as the issuer
- US\$3.2 billion public company acquisition as the buyer
- US\$230 million initial public offering as the issuer

## Admissions

- California

## Education

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
- B.A., University of California at Berkeley

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- National Association of Stock Plan Professionals
- National Institute of Pension Administrators
- San Diego Chapter of the Western Pension & Benefits Conference

## INSIGHTS

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### Events

#### Previous

##### **Annual California employment law briefing**

6 October 2021  
Annual California employment law briefing  
Webinar

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## NEWS

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##### **DLA Piper advises Agena Biosciences in its sale to Mesa Labs**

27 October 2021  
DLA Piper represented Agena Biosciences, Inc. in its sale to Mesa Labs (NASDAQ:MLAB), a global leader in the design and manufacturing of critical quality control solutions for the pharmaceutical, healthcare and medical device industries.

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##### **DLA Piper advises Fast Radius in US\$1.4 billion SPAC deal with ECP Environmental Growth Opportunities Corp.**

19 July 2021  
DLA Piper represented Fast Radius, Inc., a cloud manufacturing and digital supply chain company, in its business combination with special purpose acquisition company ECP Environmental Growth Opportunities Corp. (NASDAQ: ENNV), which will result in Fast Radius becoming a publicly listed company.

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##### **Michelle Lara joins DLA Piper's Employment practice in San Diego**

19 April 2021  
DLA Piper announced today that Michelle Lara has joined the firm's Employment practice as a partner in San Diego.

