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OVERVIEW

Rebecca L. Smith serves as Senior Counsel, Director of Fractional General Counsel Services, within the firm's Corporate Practice Group. Prior to rejoining Critchfield, Rebecca served as General Counsel for a multimillion-dollar private-equity owned global technology company. In that role, she acted as corporate secretary to the board of directors, advised executive leadership, and guided the company through several mergers and acquisitions, including multiple successful private-equity exits, the resolution of significant data-use litigation, and the negotiation of strategic technology, data, and artificial intelligence agreements.

Rebecca serves as a trusted advisor to business owners, executive leadership teams, and boards of directors, helping organizations navigate complex legal challenges, manage risk, and make informed business decisions.

As the leader of the firm's Fractional General Counsel Services offering, Rebecca provides clients with the practical guidance, responsiveness, and business-focused perspective of in-house counsel while leveraging the depth and resources of Critchfield's full-service legal team. She works closely with clients on day-to-day legal matters, commercial contracts, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, employment issues, and strategic business initiatives.

Through a coordinated, team-based approach, clients gain access to experienced attorneys across the firm's corporate, employment, tax, litigation, real estate, intellectual property, and other practice areas. This model allows for a budgeted approach to comprehensive legal support without incurring the cost of a full-time in-house legal department.

Rebecca's approach begins with developing a deep understanding of each client's business, objectives, and risk tolerance. This enables her to deliver proactive, practical, and business-oriented legal counsel tailored to the organization's unique needs and long-term goals.

PRACTICE AREAS

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS

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Through Critchfield's Fractional General Counsel Services, Rebecca helps growing and middle-market companies access sophisticated legal guidance, predictable budgeting, and scalable support that evolves alongside their businesses.

EDUCATION

Cleveland State University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*

Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Ohio

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

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