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Profile

Ms. Schmidt is a principal in the New York office Forensic & Dispute Services practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP (“Deloitte FAS”), and is the national leader of the Business Intelligence Services practice. Prior to becoming a private investigator, Ms. Schmidt was a litigator, specializing in complex civil cases, including securities fraud, antitrust and first amendment litigation. She is a frequent contributing author to legal publications and a lecturer and panel member.

Ms. Schmidt specializes in the area of business intelligence, developing background information on people and entities worldwide. Utilizing online and Internet sources, along with traditional field investigative techniques, she is able to develop background information and intelligence virtually anywhere in the world. Her work includes sensitive investigative due diligence for financial and strategic buyers in domestic and international transactions. Ms. Schmidt utilizes these same skills to provide litigation support in complex business disputes and support in internal investigations. Research can identify damaging information regarding opponents and their experts, disclose assets and identify vulnerabilities and integrity problems. Her clients include leading international and domestic law firms, corporations, financial institutions and venture capital firms.

In addition to serving clients, Ms. Schmidt is the Women’s Initiative Network (WIN) leader for the Financial Advisory Services practice at Deloitte. In her role as the WIN leader, Ms. Schmidt is responsible for the development and oversight of programs aimed at the retention, promotion, and recruitment of women. Ms. Schmidt also serves as a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York’s Committee to Enhance Diversity, where she co-chairs the subcommittee responsible for gathering demographic data in response to the New York City Bar’s Statement of Diversity Principles. Signatory firms are providing data by race and gender, position at the firms, hires, promotes, and flexible work arrangements by level. Deloitte is assisting the Bar to analyze the demographics and generate reports to signatories as well as overall benchmarking studies.

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member and former President of the New York City Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)
- Member, International Government Relations Committee, JDRF International
- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Education

- Yale College: BA
- Northeastern University School of Law: JD