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Amy Hawkes has more than 18 years' experience helping clients with complex accounting and auditing, financial reporting and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) matters. Her experience includes leading corporate internal and financial fraud investigations and litigation support on securities litigation matters.

Amy is a partner in Ernst & Young's Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services practice. She focuses her practice in the areas of forensic accounting, financial fraud investigations, FCPA matters, accounting malpractice and litigation support matters. Amy's experience includes leading a significant number of investigations for special committees, advising clients on generally accepted accounting principles and SEC matters and assisting management with technical accounting and restatements. These matters include revenue recognition, accounting for reserves, business combinations, impairments and stock-based compensation. She has worked for SEC registrants and other private and non-profit enterprises across a number of industries including financial services, oil and gas, manufacturing, telecommunications, high tech and colleges and universities. She also has extensive experience conducting interviews and testimonies of accounting professionals, corporate directors and company executives.

Amy spent several years with the US SEC's division of enforcement where she was responsible for the performance of investigations for securities violations primarily related to financial fraud and insider trading. These matters involved investigating potential securities actions involving accounting, financial reporting and disclosure.

Amy has a juris doctorate, cum laude, from Syracuse University and a bachelor's of science degree, magna cum laude, in accounting and economics from the State University of New York-Oswego. She is a certified public accountant, a member of the California Bar, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Associate of SEC Alumni. Amy also serves on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Children's Rights, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping abused and impoverished children in Los Angeles County.