# **Chika Chiekwe**



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#### PARTNER

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#### PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate & Commercial • Mergers & Acquisitions • Securities & Corporate Finance • Estates & Trusts • Commercial Real Estate & Development • Ocean Innovation

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Chika is a partner in our Halifax office and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2018. She holds an accounting degree from Acadia University and earned her law degree at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.

Chika values volunteering her time in the community, she has chaired the Nova Scotia Canadian Bar Association Securities Law subsection and served on Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Nova Scotia Chapter (CABL-NS) board for 7 years. Chika currently serves on the boards of Halifax International Airport Authority, YWCA Halifax, Hope Blooms, and Nova Scotia Career Development Association.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Chika has a broad-based practice in corporate and commercial law primarily focused on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities, commercial real estate, general business law and non-profit organizations. She also maintains a practice in wills and estates helping clients navigate estate planning and administering an estate. Chika's practice allows her to provide valuable advice and guidance to clients in order to achieve their goals at any stage.

## **INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS**

- · Listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for her practice in Securities Law
- Listed as a leading practitioner by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for her practice in Corporate Commercial Law
- Thomas Burchell Memorial Good Citizenship Prize in Law

#### LANGUAGES

English

## LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

#### **BAR ADMISSION**

• Nova Scotia (2018)



# LAW SCHOOL

Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law

## **EDUCATION**

- Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (JD, 2017)
- Acadia University (BBA, 2014)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- How do borrowers and lenders manage during an economic downturn?
- Signing Wills and Estate Planning Documents in Nova Scotia While Social Distancing
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Workshop

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS**

- Chair, Nova Scotia Canadian Bar Association Securities Law subsection (2020 2022)
- CBA Business Law Section Executive (2020 2022)
- Vice-Chair, Nova Scotia Canadian Bar Association Securities Law subsection (2018 2020)
- Executive Member, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Nova Scotia Chapter (CABL-NS) (2016 2023)

# **ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM**

- Halifax Recruitment Committee (2020 )
- Halifax Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2019 )

# **COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

- Board Member, Halifax International Airport Authority (2024 )
- Advisory Board Member, Most Inspiring Immigrants in Atlantic Canada, presented by RBC (2021 2024)
- Committee Member, Nova Scotia's Golf Association Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2021 )
- Board Member, YWCA Halifax (2020 )
- Board Member, Hope Blooms (2020 )
- Committee Member, Basketball Nova Scotia's Governance Committee (2020 )
- Assistant Basketball Coach for U14 Girls (2017 2020)
- Board Member, Nova Scotia Career Development Association (2022 )
- Past Board Member, Women Active Nova Scotia