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Claudia J. Fitzpatrick focuses her practice on public and private mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate matters.

Ms. Fitzpatrick has experience across a variety of industry sectors, including media and entertainment, consumer products and services, energy and infrastructure, technology, fintech, transportation and healthcare and life sciences. She also advises on transactions involving artificial intelligence and broader emerging technology issues.

Ms. Fitzpatrick's notable transactions include representing:

- Paramount in its \$110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery, topping Warner Bros.' original agreement with Netflix and creating Skydance;
- Time Warner in its \$109 billion sale to AT&T;
- British American Tobacco in its \$97 billion merger with Reynolds American;
- Occidental Petroleum in its \$57 billion acquisition of Anadarko, the \$10 billion investment by Berkshire Hathaway and its dealings with Carl Icahn;
- Paramount's special committee in the \$28 billion merger with Skydance;
- Endeavor's special committee in the \$25 billion take-private acquisition by Silver Lake;
- SMBC Aviation Capital in its \$6.7 billion acquisition of Goshawk Aviation;
- Atlas Air in its \$5.2 billion acquisition by an investor group led by Apollo;
- Yahoo's board committee in the \$4.48 billion acquisition of Yahoo's operating business by Verizon;
- HCSC in its \$3.3 billion acquisition of Cigna's Medicare businesses and CareAllies;
- Scotiabank in its \$2.8 billion acquisition of an equity interest in KeyCorp;
- Valvoline in the \$2.65 billion sale of its Global Products business to Aramco;
- White Mountains Insurance in the \$2.6 billion sale of Sirius International Insurance to China Minsheng Investment;
- TaskUs's special committee in the proposed \$2 billion take-private acquisition by Blackstone and the company's co-founders;
- PepsiCo in its \$1.95 billion acquisition of poppi and its strategic partnership with Celsius, including a \$585 million PIPE investment in Celsius and sale to Celsius of Rockstar Energy in the U.S. and Canada;
- Scientific Games in the proposed \$1.9 billion acquisition of the remaining 19% equity interest in SciPlay;
- Dowlais in its £1.16 billion combination with American Axle & Manufacturing;
- Robinhood in its initial public offering;
- Amblin Partners in its strategic partnership with Alibaba Pictures and the investment by Comcast, and, together with Steven Spielberg, in its formation with Participant Media, Reliance Entertainment and Entertainment One;

- Hasbro in the sale of its eOne film and TV business to Lionsgate; and
- IBM in its acquisition of Polar Security.

Ms. Fitzpatrick has been recognized as one of “Hollywood’s Top Dealmakers” by *The Hollywood Reporter*. Additionally, she has been recognized for her work in mergers and acquisitions by *IFLR1000* and she has been recognized by *Lawdragon* as among the “500 Leading Dealmakers in America” and “500 Leading Global Entertainment, Sports & Media Lawyers.” Ms. Fitzpatrick was selected to serve as a member of *Law360*’s Mergers & Acquisition Editorial Advisory Board in 2026.

Ms. Fitzpatrick is from London, England. She received a B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 2012, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2015. Ms. Fitzpatrick serves on the Board of Directors of Amanda + James, a New York-based non-profit arts production company dedicated to producing the work of young artists.

Ms. Fitzpatrick joined Cravath in 2015 and was elected a partner in 2022. She serves as a partner liaison to the Firm’s Middle Eastern/North African Affinity Group.

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2015, Harvard Law School
cum laude
- B.A., 2012, University of Pennsylvania
Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude

ADMITTED IN

- New York

ORGANIZATIONS

Amanda + James

- Board of Directors

Law360

- Member, Editorial Advisory Board – Mergers & Acquisitions, 2026

RANKINGS

The Hollywood Reporter

- Top Dealmakers (2024)

IFLR1000

- Mergers and Acquisitions - US (2025)

Lawdragon

- 500 Leading Dealmakers in America (2025, 2024)
- 500 Leading Global Entertainment, Sports & Media Lawyers (2026, 2025)
- 500 X – The Next Generation (2026-2023)