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Associate
Davis Polk & Wardell

Catherine (“Kate”) Ford is an incoming associate in the trusts and estates practice at Davis Polk & Wardwell. Prior to Davis Polk, Kate served as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (for the Hon. Michael Boudin) and the New York Court of Appeals (for the Hon. Rowan Wilson).

Kate began her career in the Rackets Bureau at the New York District Attorney’s Office. Kate received her J.D. from Harvard Law School (cum laude) in 2019 and her B.A. in History from Yale College (cum laude, with distinction) in 2015. She graduated from Andover in 2011.



Nobuhisa Ishizuka '78 P'08, '11

Executive Director
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Nobuhisa Ishizuka is Lecturer in Law and Executive Director of the Center for Japanese Legal Studies at Columbia Law School, which has actively promoted research on Japanese law, aided by the U.S.'s premier collection of Japanese legal materials, for over 40 years. He oversees the Center's programming and strategy and promotes scholarly exchanges between faculty and practitioners in the field.

Prior to joining the Columbia Law School, he was a Partner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where he advised on corporate and financial transactions, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance. Several of his transactions have been cited by leading financial and business law publications for their innovation or as “Deals of the Year”.

Mr. Ishizuka has been regularly recognized as a leading individual in *Chambers Asia-Pacific* and *Chambers Global*, and as a leading lawyer in *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*, *Asia Pacific Legal 500* and *Best Lawyers in Japan*. He has published in *Columbia Law Review*, *Commercial Law Review*, and other legal publications.

Mr. Ishizuka has a B.A. from Columbia College and a J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Senior Editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. He was a graduate research student at the University of Tokyo, where he currently lectures on international business law. He is a member of the Board of Visitors at Columbia Law School, a member of the Board of Visitors of Columbia College, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of the Japanese American Association of New York. He is Chair and President of the Board of Directors of the United States Rowing Association.

Mr. Ishizuka is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the New York and Washington D.C. Bars.



Mary McCabe '71
District Court Judge
Massachusetts

Mary McCabe was appointed a Massachusetts District Court Judge by former Governor Deval Patrick in 2012. Although born in Andover, McCabe's family has lived in Lawrence, MA for five generations, and she is dedicated to the city. McCabe managed her own general practice/litigation firm in Lawrence, MA from 1986 to 2012, and served as an Assistant Clerk Magistrate in Lawrence District Court from 1979 through 1985.

McCabe is a member of the Bars of the United States Supreme Court, Federal District Court for the District of Massachusetts, First Circuit Court of Appeals for the Federal Appeals Court, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She is a current member, and former president of the Greater Lawrence Bar Association, and past member of the Boston College Law School Alumni Association Board (1983-1987).

McCabe attended Abbot Academy, where prior to the merger in 1974, McCabe was among a handful of Abbot Academy women to attend Phillips Academy courses. McCabe graduated from Abbot Academy in 1971, a school to which she is fiercely loyal and remains a committed volunteer serving as a Class Agent, Bicentennial Committee member, Abbot Academy Association member, Annual Giving Board member and on multiple reunion committees.

McCabe is a volunteer of 53 years at Camp Fatima Exceptional Citizens Week, a free special needs summer camp, where she also serves as Director of Special Program, is a member of Head Staff, and is on the Board of the Friends of Fatima.

McCabe lectures at Emerson College and various Massachusetts continuing legal education programs. McCabe studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1973- 74 and University College Dublin in 1974, earned her undergraduate degree from Boston College in 1975 and her J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1978.



Christine Okike '01
Partner
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Christine A. Okike represents debtors, creditors, equity holders, investors, sellers, and purchasers in all stages of complex restructuring transactions, including prepackaged, prearranged and traditional Chapter 11 cases, out-of-court workouts, distressed acquisitions and cross-border proceedings. Christine has a broad range of experience across a number of industries, including automotive, sports, entertainment, retail, energy, real estate, financial institutions, transportation, travel, health care, media and telecommunications.

She was named as one of Crain's New York Business' 2021 Notable Women in Law, as well as an "Emerging Leader" by The M&A Advisor in 2019 and "Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer" by Turnarounds & Workouts in 2018. In 2017, Christine was inducted into the International Insolvency Institute NextGen Leadership Program, which recognizes the most prominent rising stars in the international insolvency area. She also was selected in 2017 as an "Emerging Leader" in the American Bankruptcy Institute's inaugural 40 Under 40 initiative.



William Tong '91, P'24
25th Attorney General
Connecticut

William Tong is the 25th Attorney General to serve Connecticut since the office was established by the state constitution in 1897. He took office on January 9, 2019 and is the first Asian American elected at the state level in Connecticut. General Tong previously practiced for 18 years as a litigator in both state and federal courts, first at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York City and then at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP in Stamford. He served for 12 years as a State Representative in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he served as House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee as well as the

Banking Committee.

As Attorney General, Tong's top priority is to protect Connecticut families, residents and consumers, and to stand up to powerful forces that threaten us. As the son of immigrants and small business owners, he knows first-hand the constant pressure on Connecticut families, and how we are squeezed by expensive healthcare and prescription drugs, ever rising utility costs, the high cost of housing and education, and many other pressures. General Tong works every day to safeguard our civil rights and freedoms, fighting hate and racism, protecting the rights of immigrants and the LGBTQ+ community, championing reproductive freedom, and advancing equity across our state.