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With a strong presence in both Philadelphia and New York City, Liz focuses her corporate law practice on helping entrepreneurs and emerging companies navigate a variety of business and financial transactions

For over 35 years, Liz has served as a trusted adviser to clients across the country. Her skills extend to venture capital and angel financing, mergers and acquisitions, structured finance, securities, private placements, franchise regulatory matters and franchise agreements.

As Chair of the firm's national Emerging Companies & Venture Capital Practice Group and former Co-Chair of the firm's Franchise & Distribution practice, Liz offers her clients comprehensive risk management through innovative guidance related to a company's expansion and daily operations.

Liz acts as general counsel for numerous emerging and middle-market businesses, including life science, technology, franchise and hospitality companies. She oversees and coordinates their finance and regulatory matters.

Liz is also a member of the firm's Corporate Securities Practice Group and M&A Practice Group.

Services

- Corporate
- Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
- Food & Beverage
- Franchising & Distribution
- Hospitality
- International
- Life Sciences
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Retail Industry
- Securities Industry
- Private Equity

Beyond Fox Rothschild

In the emerging companies' arena, Liz is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Delaware Crossing Investor Group, a network of angel investors that has been investing in early-stage companies since 2005. She is also active with a number of

committees and groups, including the Angel Capital Association and the Pennsylvania Angel Network. She is a Board Member of the Private Investors Forum, which produces the Angel Venture Fair and other events in the Philadelphia region, and has served for many years on the various organizing committees, including the technology track investor/entrepreneur outreach committee for the IMPACT Venture Summit produced by the Philadelphia Alliance for Capital & Technologies. In addition, she serves on the Hepatitis B Foundation, which is the parent board of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center.

A frequent speaker and writer, Liz enjoys addressing topics related to emerging businesses, angel and venture capital and matters pertaining to women's entrepreneurship, speaking conferences held throughout the United States. For years, she has served as a guest lecturer at the Biotechnology Venture Management class at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. She also regularly serves as a judge for pitch competitions for startup companies for a variety of organizations.

Liz is a member of various professional organizations, including the New York City Bar Association, the Bucks County Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association, as well as the American Bar Association's Forum on Franchising and Business Law Section.

She also served as a board member for the Doylestown Hospital, the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown and the Doylestown Health Foundation. She has been serving on the board of the East Side House Settlement in the Bronx, NY, since 1991. She also acts as the pro bono legal advisor to the Village Improvement Association and the East Side House Settlement and has served as Chair of the Annual Fund for Buckingham Friends School.

She is ranked as a leading lawyer for Startups and Emerging Companies Nationwide by Chambers USA since 2022. Liz has also been named a Legal Player by 1851 Franchise for 2017 and 2018, was named among the Women Leaders in the Law by ALM in 2015, a Legal Eagle by the Franchise Times every year between 2014 and 2025, and one of the Most Powerful and Influential Women in Pennsylvania by the National Diversity Council in 2012. In 2015, she was honored with an Entrepreneur Champion Award from the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center. In 2025, she was recognized in the Philadelphia Business Journal for her listing on the 2026 Best Lawyers list.

Liz earned a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Yale University in 1986 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Chicago in 1989. She has been admitted to the bar in Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania.

Client Resources

Liz leads the committee which developed and published [the Angel Capital Associations Model Convertible Note](#), which is increasingly being used nationwide.

She also is the founder and leader of Fox Rothschild's [Fox Launchpad](#) program, a virtual incubator built to support startup companies which plan to grow through outside angel and venture capital funding.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Connecticut
- New York

Education

- University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1989)
- Yale College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1986)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Business Law Section
 - Franchising Section
- Angel Capital Association

- Summit Committee (2016)
- Bar Association of the City of New York
- Delaware Crossing Investor Group
 - Managing Director and Co-Founder
- IMPACT Venture Summit
 - Organizational Committee Member (Technology Track, Early Stage and Investor/Entrepreneur Outreach Committee, Member (since 2013)
- International Franchise Association
 - Co-Founder and former Co-Chair, Philadelphia Women's Franchise Network
 - Women's Franchise Committee (2013-2019)
- Philadelphia Bar Association
 - Business Law Section, Franchise Committee
- Pennsylvania Angel Network
- Science Center Innovators Walk of Fame Committee (2017)
- Select Philadelphia Emissary Program (since 2018)

Board of Directors

- Angel Venture Fair
- Former Board Member, Doylestown Hospital Health Foundation (Doylestown, PA)
- Former member and Vice President, Child, Home & Community Inc. (Doylestown, PA)
- East Side House Settlement (Bronx, NY)
- Village Improvement Association of Doylestown, PA
- Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce
 - Board Nominating Committee
- Startup Bucks

Languages

- French

Honors & Awards

- Recognized in the *Chambers USA* Guide for Startups & Emerging Companies Nationwide (2023-2025)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Franchise Law in Warrington, PA by *Best Lawyers* (2024-2026)
- Named an INNOVATE100 honoree by Innovate New Jersey (2024)
- Named a "Legal Eagle" by the *Franchise Times* (2014-2020, 2022-2026) and "Legal Eagles Hall of Fame" list (2024)
- Recipient of *Smart Business Dealmakers* Philadelphia Dealmaker of the Year Award (2023)
- "Recognized Practitioner" for Startups & Emerging Companies Nationwide by *Chambers USA* (2017-2019, 2022)
- Selected to the *1851 Franchise* "Top Franchise Legal Players" list (2021)
- Garnered the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from *Marquis Who's Who* (2019)
- Named a Pennsylvania Trailblazer by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2019)
- Recipient of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center Entrepreneur Champion Award (2015)
- Named among the "Women Leaders in the Law" by *ALM* (2015)
- Named to the list of 2012 Most Powerful and Influential Women of Pennsylvania by the National Diversity Council
- Member of Marquis Who's Who in America, Marquis Who's Who of American Women, Marquis Who's Who in American Law and Marquis Who's Who in the World
- Recognized as a Certified Franchise Executive by the IFA