



## → Verity Rees

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Verity Rees is special counsel in the Tax Practice Group in the firm's New York office, practicing executive compensation, employee benefits and ERISA matters.

### Areas of Practice

Verity advises private equity funds and publicly-held corporations, with respect to executive compensation and employee benefits features of mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, initial public offerings and other strategic transactions. Verity's practice includes the structuring and design of equity compensation arrangements and nonqualified deferred compensation plans. She advises clients on the creation, negotiation and modification of employment agreements, separation and termination agreements, bonus plans and change in control arrangements. She has taken a leading role in the compensation and benefits aspects of a number of significant and high-profile transactions, including the acquisition of Blackboard Inc. by Providence Equity Partners, the acquisition of Micros Systems, Inc. by Oracle Corporation and the sale of Lincare Holdings Inc. to Linde AG.

Prior to joining Sheppard Mullin, Verity was an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and Paul, Weiss.

### Articles

- Taking Stock of Option Tax Traps  
*Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, 12.2015

### Media Mentions

FLIR Fires Up More M&A  
*The Deal*, 02.12.2019

### Events

Employment and Labor Forum: Preparing for and Managing Employment and Benefits Issues in Corporate M&A Transactions  
ACC National Capital Region  
10.24.2017

## Practices

Employee Benefits

Executive Compensation

Tax

## Education

J.D., Oxford University, Trinity College, 2005

## Admissions

New York