

## SARAH C. DODDS-BROWN



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### Career Summary

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Enterprise-oriented adviser with a proven ability to adapt and respond effectively to a changing competitive and regulatory landscape. Visionary leader who constructively challenges the status quo and creates momentum for the evolution of strategy.

### Professional Experience

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#### 2005 – present

##### **AMERICAN EXPRESS**, New York, NY

*Executive Vice President & Managing Counsel*, 2018-present

*Senior Vice President & Managing Counsel*, 2016-2018

*Managing Counsel*, 2013-2016

*Vice President & Senior Counsel (band 50)*, 2010-2013

*Vice President & Senior Counsel (band 45)*, 2007-2010

*Counsel*, 2005-2007

##### **U.S. Business Legal Group**, 2018-present

Advise heads of all global lines of business and directly manage legal and regulatory strategy for the U.S. Consumer, Commercial and Global Merchant & Network Services businesses, divisions which generate over \$29B in annual revenue for American Express, as well as certain business divisions in Canada and Latin America. Serve on the global executive teams for the Global Consumer Services and Global Merchant & Network Services businesses. Current team consists of over 75 attorneys across locations in New York, Florida and Illinois.

##### **Global Merchant & Network Services**, 2005-2015; 2015-2018 (group lead)

Served on the global executive team and led the legal and regulatory strategy for the Global Merchant & Network Services business during the period following a U.S. District Court ruling against American Express and its merchant business in an antitrust case brought by the U.S. Department of Justice. Helped drive decisions that enabled growth and balanced the needs of customers and shareholders despite the overlay of active litigation. The U.S. Supreme Court ultimately ruled in favor of American Express in 2018. Also oversaw the teams providing legal and regulatory support for non-card B2B lending, data analytics and value-added services.

##### **Privacy & Data Governance**, 2009-2015

In addition to business support responsibilities, led the global privacy law center of excellence and directed the legal strategy for data usage and governance initiatives, including the design and implementation of the governance strategy and risk-based control framework for the Company's 'Big Data' capabilities and the development of a global online privacy statement strategy. Company ranked as 'The Most Trusted Company for Privacy' six years in a row by the Ponemon Institute during tenure leading this team.

#### 1998 - 2005

##### **PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP**, New York, NY

*Corporate Associate*, September 1998-2005

**Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity.** Represented public and private corporations in domestic and international transactions. Clients included companies in the automotive, media, telecommunications, technology, financial services, venture capital, fashion and consumer products industries.

## Board Experience

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### **DIRECTWOMEN**

*Advisory Board Member, 2016-present*

### **RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

*Trustee, Board of Trustees, 2016-present*

*Chair, Legal, Policy & Risk Committee, 2018-present*

### **DUKE UNIVERSITY**

*Board Member, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences Board of Visitors, 1998-2006*

*"Young Trustee," Duke University Board of Trustees, 1995-1998*

## Awards / Recognition

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### **AMERICAN EXPRESS ACCELERATED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

ALD program run in cooperation with Duke Corporate Education for select members of American Express management with demonstrated performance and potential to take on positions of greater responsibility, 2015 Participant

### **DIRECTWOMEN BOARD INSTITUTE**

Annual program designed to position an elite group of senior women lawyers for service on the boards of major U.S. Corporations, 2015 Participant

### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Managing the Pipeline Program for high potential middle managers (nominated by American Express), 2009 Participant

## Community / Professional Activities

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### **CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, PLANNING BOARD**

*Chair, May 2016-present (currently serving second term as Chair)*

*Board Member, March 2013-present*

### **THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE**

*Member, 2014-present*

*Project Adviser, Principles of a Data Economy, 2018-present*

*Project Adviser, Principles of Data Privacy, 2013-2019*

### **DUKE UNIVERSITY**

*Inaugural Member, Women's Impact Network Leadership Council, 2015-2016*

*Member, Presidential Council (appointed to assess and report on issues raised in the wake of controversy involving members of the men's lacrosse team), 2006*

*Member, Financial Aid Initiative Steering Committee, 2005-2009*

### **CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE**

*Member, NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative Local Planning Committee, 2018-19*

*Member, City of New Rochelle and Iona College Community Planning Committee, 2011-2012*

## Education

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**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY J.D.

May 1998

**DUKE UNIVERSITY**, Durham, NC

A.B., May 1995