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OVERVIEW:

Amanda is a seasoned attorney with more than 15 years of experience advising clients on financial institution regulation, securities, general corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and international trade. She brings a thoughtful, business-minded approach to her work, combining deep legal knowledge with a strong commitment to client service. Known for her collaborative style and practical problem-solving skills, Amanda delivers high-quality, strategic counsel that helps clients navigate complex legal and regulatory challenges with confidence.

Amanda brings her extensive experience in the financial services industry to Barley Snyder's **Business Practice Group**. She formerly practiced in the Washington, D.C. office of Paul Hastings LLP, where she advised domestic and foreign banking organizations, non-bank financial institutions, and Fintech companies on a wide range of regulatory, transactional and compliance issues. Amanda counsels financial institutions on all aspects of regulation and compliance, with an emphasis on corporate structuring, control and operations, as well as compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering laws, consumer protection regulations, and global data privacy requirements. Additionally, she advises problem banks and represents financial institutions in transactions and matters involving various federal and state bank regulatory agencies, including the Federal Reserve, OCC, and FDIC. Her work on elder financial exploitation issues has been nationally recognized. Furthermore, Amanda stays at the forefront of regulatory changes impacting cryptocurrency and related activities, providing critical legal insights to banks and financial institutions to ensure compliance and mitigate risks in this rapidly developing space.

Amanda also has significant experience in global trade and economic sanctions matters. She represents clients in U.S. national security reviews before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), whose jurisdiction is triggered by certain foreign investments in U.S. businesses. As CFIUS counsel, Amanda helps clients avoid delays that can impede transactions by making the threshold determination as to whether a transaction warrants notifying the U.S. government, and where appropriate, developing declarations and notices. She also advises clients on matters relating to economic sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). She is a member of Barley Snyder's

Transportation, Logistics & Trade Industry Group which helps clients navigate the unique challenges facing this sector.

In addition, Amanda advises clients on a range of business matters. She assists clients with securities compliance, including 1934 Act compliance for public companies. She also counsels clients, including closely-held and family businesses, on transactional matters and corporate governance. She regularly engages with a range of clients on contract drafting, review and negotiation.

In addition to her experience in private practice, Amanda previously worked as in-house counsel at E*Trade Bank and as a law clerk at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, where she reviewed proposed mergers for anticompetitive issues.

A native of Lancaster County, Amanda attended the University of Pennsylvania and received her law degree from the George Washington University Law School. She currently serves as Board President the **Lancaster Law Foundation**, which promotes equal access to justice for all in the community by funding public interest law projects, delivering pro bono service and educating the public on civic and legal issues.

EDUCATION:

- George Washington University Law School
- University of Pennsylvania

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- District of Columbia
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Business
- Cybersecurity
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Securities
- Corporate Transparency Act Response Team

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Banking
- Transportation, Logistics & Trade

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Lancaster Law Foundation

President, Board Member

Manheim Township Baseball & Softball Association

Baseball Coach

Hempfield Youth Association

Former Baseball Coach

PRESENTATION:

- "Current Challenges in Bank Operations, including Risk Management, Compliance, Interest Rates, and the Impact of Tariffs on Customers", Barley Snyder LendiCon Lending Conference (April 2025)
- "Navigating the Information Security/Fraud Landscape: Helping our Customers Mitigate Risk, Increase Compliance and the Crucial Role of the Corporate Transparency Act", Barley Snyder LendiCon Lending Conference (April 2024)
- "Bank Regulation & Failure: A Discussion on Current Events in the Banking Industry", Barley Snyder Webinar (March 2023)
- "How to Talk to Your Customers About the Recent Bank Failures and Reassure Them of Your Bank's Position", Barley Snyder LendiCon Lending Conference (March 2023)
- Presenter, Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists Webinar (August 2014)

PUBLICATIONS:

- "Elder Financial Exploitation: An Increasing Compliance Concern", Journal of Taxation and Regulation of Financial Institutions (2015)
- "Cordray's Recess Appointment: Future Legal Challenges", ABA Banking Law Journal (March 2012)

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