

Michelle Banks - Bio

Michelle Banks is a Senior Advisor at BarkerGilmore specializing in providing executive coaching to corporate general counsel. She also leads law department strategic retreats and professional development workshops. Until 2016, Michelle was Executive Vice President, Global General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of global apparel retailer Gap Inc. Before joining Gap Inc. in 1999, Michelle worked as legal counsel for the Golden State Warriors NBA team and in Tokyo as American counsel for Itochu Corporation. Her prior law firm practice with Sheppard Mullin and Morrison & Foerster in California and New York focused on corporate finance and international commercial transactions. Michelle has been recognized as a Legend in Law by the Burton Foundation, a Distinguished General Counsel by the Directors Roundtable, a Top General Counsel to Watch by *Corporate Board Member*, a Corporate Counsel Innovator by the *Financial Times*, and a Corporate Counsel Diversity Champion by the *San Francisco Business Times*. UCLA School of Law named her 2016 Alumni of the Year for Professional Achievement and she received an American Bar Association Margaret Brent Woman Lawyer of Achievement award in 2019. Michelle is a frequent speaker on leadership.