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Sarah E. Fortt, Global Co-Chair of Latham's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Practice, is the mind behind one of the first ESG legal practices in the US.

In her role, Fortt acts as a trusted adviser of her clients, navigating with them risks and opportunities relating to climate change, human rights, and corporate culture. She specializes in advising public and private entities on ESG-focused corporate governance, disclosure obligations, and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Fortt's work often involves assisting boards in refining their strategies in governance, crisis readiness, succession planning, and board education.

Fortt is adept at handling critical governance issues, such as board-and C suite-level ethical dilemmas, abrupt leadership changes, shareholder activism, and conflicts within the board. She is also skilled in advising on corporate crises, including those related to cybersecurity and data breaches.

Leveraging her expertise in executive compensation, Fortt aids clients in developing coherent and impactful communications for stakeholders.

Fortt is an active contributor to PracticalESG.com as an advisory board member and writes extensively on ESG topics for prominent journals Insights and the Corporate Governance Advisor.