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"Many of my current clients are early-stage companies in these high-growth industries," said Arkell. "Helping them with their venture capital financings has been quite fulfilling, so I am honored to have been invited by the Governor to participate on such an important panel."

Arkell is a corporate and securities lawyer, with extensive experience in venture capital investments. She was counsel to the Venture Capital Association of Colorado at the time of its formation. She has been recognized by numerous lawyer ranking organizations, having been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and *Colorado Super Lawyers*; selected as Denver's Outstanding Woman in Business by the *Denver Business Journal* in 2006; honored by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 Leading Dealmakers in America in 2007; and selected as one of *Law Week Colorado's* "Top Women Lawyers" in 2008.

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