

Sarah Powell, EVP, General Counsel and Secretary for Focus Brands

Sarah Powell joined Focus Brands in January 2015 as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. With more than 20 years of experience in practicing law in the public and private sectors, she leads the company's corporate legal function, provides strategic advice and counsel to the CEO and executive leadership and oversees a legal team responsible for board governance and compliance matters, mergers and acquisitions, risk management, franchising, real estate, contracts and more. The Focus Brands portfolio includes seven iconic brands – Auntie Anne's®, Carvel®, Cinnabon®, Jamba®, Moe's Southwest Grill®, McAlister's Deli® and Schlotzsky's®, with more than 6,700 locations around the globe.

Before joining Focus, Sarah worked for Fortune 500 company Advanced Auto Parts, where she spent 12 years rising from Senior Attorney to Vice President to Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from April 2009 to January 2015. Previously, she was the Assistant General Counsel for grocery retailer Food Lion, LLC and engaged in the private practice of law.

She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and received her Juris Doctor from Washington and Lee University School of Law and is a member of the University's Law Council.