

Lauren Kunkel
Associate

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Ms. Kunkel is an Associate at Arete Capital Partners, with over seven years of experience in accounting and finance. She has demonstrated expertise in a variety of areas, including audit and attestation, financial due diligence, and M&A advisory services for a diverse clientele encompassing both public and private enterprises across various sectors such as business services, education, technology, utilities, and consumer products.

Before joining Arete, Lauren served as an Associate within the Business Services and Education group at Lazard, where she offered comprehensive buy-side and sell-side advisory services.

Prior to her tenure at Lazard, she held positions in both M&A transaction advisory and audit services at Deloitte. In these roles, Lauren conducted thorough financial due diligence and audits for a mix of public and private clients.

Lauren holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Dakota and a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Business Administration from the University of Augustana. Additionally, she is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of Minnesota.

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

CAREER EXPERIENCE

ARETÉ Capital Partners

Associate

Chicago, IL

2/24 – Current

Lazard Ltd.

Business Services and Education M&A Associate

Chicago, IL

6/21 – 12/23

Deloitte and Touche

M&A Transaction Services

Minneapolis, MN

9/20 – 6/21

Deloitte and Touche

Audit & Attestation Services

Minneapolis, MN

9/16 – 9/20

SELECT TRANSACTION EXPERIENCE



EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

University of South Dakota, - Beacom School of Business – Vermillion, SD 2022
Master of Business Administration

Augustana University, – Sioux Falls, SD 2016
Bachelor of Arts – Accounting & Business Administration with a Finance Emphasis

Certified Public Accountant – Minnesota Board of Accountancy Inactive

Securities Industry Essentials, Series 63, Series 79 – FINRA

* References Available Upon Request *

