As Lyft’s first in-house lawyer, Kristin Sverchek has led Lyft’s legal team and strategy as General Counsel since November 2012. In that time, she has helped Lyft grow from a small, private San Francisco-only company to a public company with a presence in all fifty states and Canada. During her time at Lyft, Kristin has built a robust legal team covering specialty practice areas including employment, regulatory, litigation, insurance, and corporate, and commercial transactions. In January 2015, she was Lyft’s first female employee to take maternity leave, a policy which she helped develop in connection with the Human Resources department. Kristin has an undergraduate degree in molecular and cell biology from UC Berkeley and her law degree from UC Hastings, and she started her career working in private practice as a corporate transactional lawyer at both Gunderson Dettmer and Silicon Legal Strategy before going in-house at Lyft.