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Managing Partner at PPU. Leading expert in Corporate/M&A, Tax and International Trade.

Martín has led and advised on some of the most complex and high – impact M&A transactions in Colombia, including cross-border deals, joint ventures and strategic alliances. His experience spans multiple industries and jurisdictions, positioning him as a trusted advisor for both local and international clients.

He brings deep expertise in structuring and negotiating M&A transactions with a keen understanding of regulatory, tax and financial implications. His work includes advising multinational corporations and private equity funds on acquisitions, divestitures and corporate reorganizations.

In addition to his M&A practice, Martín is a recognized authority in tax law, having advised on national and regional tax strategies and participated in the drafting and development of key regulatory tax provisions in collaboration with Colombian tax authorities.

Martín holds a Law Degree from Universidad del Rosario (1990, Highest Honors) and a Postgraduate Degree in Financial Law from Universidad de Los Andes (1992). He is also a professor at Universidad del Rosario, where he teaches Business Law and Mergers & Acquisitions.



ALEJANDRO ALMODOVAR

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Alejandro is currently a corporate counsel leading all M&A and investments at Block, Inc. Prior to Block, Alejandro was an associate at Fenwick and West representing companies from all life cycles. His experience includes venture capital financings, growth equity investments, strategic acquisitions and partnerships, and corporate governance.



SUSAN ATHEY

THE ECONOMICS OF TECHNOLOGY
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Professor Susan Athey is The Economics of Technology Professor at Stanford Graduate School of Business. She received her bachelor's degree from Duke University and her PhD from Stanford, and she holds an honorary doctorate from Duke University.

She previously taught at the economics departments at MIT, Stanford, and Harvard. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Science and is the recipient of the John Bates Clark Medal, awarded by the American Economics Association to the economist under 40 who has made the greatest contributions to thought and knowledge.

Her current research focuses on the economics of digitization, marketplace design, and the intersection of causal inference and machine learning. She has worked on several application areas, including timber auctions, internet search, online advertising, the news media, and digital technology for social impact.

As one of the first “tech economists,” she served as consulting chief economist for Microsoft Corporation for six years, and has served on the boards of multiple private and public technology firms. She also served as a long-term advisor to the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, helping architect and implement their auction-based pricing system. She was a founding associate director of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, where she currently serves as senior fellow, and she is the founding director of the Golub Capital Social Impact Lab at Stanford GSB.

From 2022 to 2024, she took leave from Stanford to serve as Chief Economist at the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division. Professor Athey was the 2023 President of the American Economics Association, where she previously served as vice president and elected member of the Executive Committee.



ELEANOR BLUME

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Eleanor Blume is currently a Special Assistant Attorney General and senior economic advisor to California Attorney General Rob Bonta. She leads the California Attorney General's work on consumer protection, economic opportunity, antitrust, corporate securities, cybersecurity, and technology policy. She has served on the Attorney General's Executive team since 2017, joining the California Department of Justice upon returning to California. As a government executive, Blume has led successful agency action, enforcement initiatives, and program implementation at the federal and state level. Before joining the California Department of Justice, she directed Military Lending Act implementation at the Department of Defense, played a key role in the institutional development of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and served as a senior associate at The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Eleanor attended Wellesley College and UC Berkeley School of Law. She is a recipient of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence.



DAVID BURRITT

PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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David B. Burritt was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of United States Steel Corporation in May 2017. At that time, Mr. Burritt was also named to the company's Board of Directors. He had been elected President and Chief Operating Officer in February 2017 with executive responsibility for all aspects of the company's day-to-day business in the United States and Central Europe.

Mr. Burritt joined U. S. Steel in September 2013 to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer with responsibility for all aspects of the company's strategic and financial matters.

Prior to joining U. S. Steel, Mr. Burritt, served as Chief Financial Officer at Caterpillar Inc.

Mr. Burritt was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1977 from Bradley University in Peoria. Mr. Burritt received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois in Champaign in 1990.

Mr. Burritt serves on the board of directors for Lockheed Martin and the National Safety Council and serves on the Executive Committee of the worldsteel. He is also a member of The Business Council and a member of the G100.



HONGBIN CAI

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DEAN AND CHAIR OF ECONOMICS

Professor Hongbin Cai is the Dean of the HKU Business School and Chair of Economics. He holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Wuhan University (1988), an M.A. in Economics from Peking University (1991), and a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University (1997). From 1997 to 2005, he taught at the University of California, Los Angeles, and later served as Dean of the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University from December 2010 to January 2017. He joined HKU in June 2017 and has been its Dean since July 2017.

A distinguished scholar, Professor Cai is a National Chang Jiang Scholar (awarded by the Ministry of Education of China) and a National Outstanding Young Researcher (awarded by the National Science Foundation of China). He has published extensively in top international journals, covering areas such as game theory, the Chinese economy, industrial organization, and corporate finance. His contributions to the field earned him election as a Fellow of the Econometric Society.

Professor Cai also plays an active role in public service, serving on key committees for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), including the Chief Executive's Policy Unit Expert Group and the Advisory Committee on the Northern Metropolis. His expertise continues to shape both academic and policy landscapes.



JOSH CAMMAKER

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Joshua R. Cammaker is a corporate partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, concentrating on mergers and acquisitions, shareholder and stakeholder activism, corporate governance and securities laws matters. Mr. Cammaker has been involved in many major domestic and cross-border merger and acquisition transactions, takeover defenses, joint ventures and private equity transactions.

Josh was named an M&A MVP by *Law360* in 2019 and Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer* in 2017. He is also recognized as one of the 500 leading dealmakers in America by *Lawdragon*. He frequently speaks and writes on shareholder activism, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance.

Josh is the former co-chair of the M&A and Joint Venture Committee of the International Section of the American Bar Association and a Member of the American Law Institute. He earned a B.A. *magna cum laude* from Tufts University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. from New York University School of Law, where he was an editor of the *Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif.



HASANI CARAWAY

GENERAL COUNSEL

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Hasani Caraway is the General Counsel of Notion Labs, which provides an AI workspace where organizations and individuals create, share, and organize all of their work. Prior to joining Notion, Hasani served as the General Counsel of Zendesk, a SaaS customer service platform. Earlier in his career, Hasani was a corporate and securities attorney at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati where he advised a variety of public companies, fast-growing technology companies, and startups.

Hasani received his B.S in Computer Science from Prairie View A&M University and his J.D. from New York University's School of Law.



BERTRAND CARDÉ

PARTNER CORPORATE AND M&A

DARROIS VILLEY MAILLOT BROCHIER

"Bertrand Cardé is a partner at Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier.

He joined the firm early 2010, after having been a partner at Linklaters since 2004.

He has nearly 30 years of experience and is one of the leading experts in mergers and acquisitions, securities as well as capital market laws (and also has experience in related litigation, arbitration and regulatory investigations). He has acted for industrial clients or investment funds in most major local or cross-border transactions involving the French market.

Bertrand Cardé also advises a number of listed companies on their governance and their strategic developments abroad.

Bertrand Cardé, in addition to his Assas University law diploma, is a graduate of Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales ("HEC"), the French leading business school.

He has advised on the governance and transformation of HEC since 2010, whilst being a director and officer of the HEC Trust/Foundation. He has recently joined the board of directors of HEC, and is chairing its Governance Committee.

He is ranked in the top tier in various legal guides (including Chambers "Star individual" and Legal 500 "Hall of Fame").

He is Chair of the Corporate and M&A Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA) and regularly speaks at legal conferences on governance as well as M&A and Capital Market issues.

The French Stock Exchange Authority (AMF) had invited him for two mandates to join its consultative Commission on Disclosures and Corporate Finance as one of the few securities law experts."



SANTIAGO CARREGAL

HEAD OF THE BANKING AND FINANCE
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MARVAL O'FARRELL MAIRAL

Santiago Carregal is the Head of the Banking and Finance Department and Chairman of the firm. He specializes in corporate finance and has represented companies and investment banks in public offerings, structured and project financings and mortgage securitization involving a variety of equity, debt and hybrid instruments.

Santiago is also very active in M&As handling a number of notable transactions, including the sale of GE Money Argentina to Banco Supervielle, the sale of GE Money's branches to Banco Columbia, and GE's acquisition of 25% of YPF Luz. He also handled the acquisition by Dufry of the leading airport retailer in Argentina Interbaires, as well as airport retail operations in Uruguay, Ecuador and Armenia, and the sale of the controlling stake in chemical company Indupa by Belgian giant Solvay.

In addition, Santiago has extensive experience in restructuring and workouts, which includes representing the Telecom Argentina group in its USD 4 billion debt restructuring, the largest cross-border insolvency case in Argentina's history (2002/2006).

From 2012 to 2014 Mr. Carregal led the team of lawyers that represented Repsol in all matters relating to the expropriation of Repsol's participation in YPF, including representation in arbitral and judicial proceedings, and in the expropriation agreement signed with the Argentine Government, which constitutes Argentina's first-ever expropriation deal.

Chambers Latin America describes Santiago as "a brilliant lawyer and among the best in the country." He is also recognized as a leading specialist in banking and finance, corporate/M&A and project finance in several other legal publications including Who's Who Legal, The Legal 500, Which Lawyer and IFLR 1000.

He worked as a foreign attorney for Shearman & Sterling in New York, is a former Vice-President and Assistant General Counsel of JP Morgan's Buenos Aires Branch, and was a partner of law firm Carregal & Funes de Rioja. Mr. Carregal graduated as a lawyer at the University of Buenos Aires in 1984 and went on to earn a Master's in Law from the University of Illinois in 1987.

Santiago is currently a member of the Board of the Argentine Bank's Lawyers Committee (Comité de Abogados de Bancos de la República Argentina) and a professor of post-graduate studies in banking and finance at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad Austral and Universidad Católica Argentina.



ELIANA CATALANO

MANAGING PARTNER

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Eliana Catalano specialises in corporate and M&A both domestic and cross-border transactions, private equity, joint ventures with particular expertise in the luxury, manufacturing, services, sports and leisure, consumer good and real estate sectors. She regularly assists private equity sponsors and family businesses with financial investors and is a frequent speaker at international conferences on M&A and private equity. In addition, she is Co-Team Leader of the Private Equity Focus Team.

Eliana joined BonelliErede in 2001, making partner in 2009. She has been a member of the Board since 2021 and is currently Managing Partner of the firm. She is member of the Italian bar and holds a LLM in corporate law and corporate finance from the University of Cambridge.



NICOLA CHARLSTON

PARTNER

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Nicola is a partner at King & Wood Mallesons Australia, advising clients on complex cross-border transactions across a broad range of sectors, including financial services, infrastructure, health, pharmaceutical, resources and technology. With over 25 years' experience, Nicola is equally proficient at public M&A and private treaty transactions, and her technical expertise, combined with her practical approach, has seen clients seek her out to assist with some of Australia's most high profile transactions over the past few years.

As well as transactional M&A, Nicola provides strategic advice to her clients on a broad range of corporate issues, including capital raisings, governance matters, cyber issues and joint venture arrangements. Nicola sits on the KWM's health sector leadership team and is current Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's M&A Committee. Nicola is recognised as a market leading practitioner in M&A by global legal directories, including Chambers Global.

Some of Nicola's work highlights include advising:

- Block Inc: on its acquisition of Afterpay by scheme of arrangement
- Campbell Soup Company: on the sale of Campbell's International business, including Arnott's Biscuits to KKR
- Asciano: on the takeover bid by a joint Qube and Brookfield consortium also comprised of GIP, CPPIB, GIC and CIC
- REA Group Ltd: on its attempted acquisition of Britain's Rightmove, and its acquisition of Mortgage Choice
- Hancock Prospecting: on its joint takeover bid with Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A (SQM) to acquire Azure Minerals
- Nabors Energy Transition Corporation: on its entry into a business combination with Vast Solar Pty Ltd.



AUDREY CHEN

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JUNHE LLP

Audrey Chen joined the firm in 1993, admitted in China, US (New York/California).

Audrey has extensive experience in hi-tech, energy and natural resources, manufacturing, education, luxury retails, pharmaceutical, food/agriculture, etc. She has advised domestic and international clients in different industries, adopting creative structures and negotiating complicated legal documents for cross-border M&A transactions.

Audrey also provides strategic planning and advice for corporate compliance, including reviewing the clients' existing compliance programs, improving or tailoring the programs to the client's needs in China, policy implementation and ongoing monitoring system, risk/crisis management, regulatory guidance, supporting the clients when regulatory scrutiny or investigations are involved, etc.

Audrey is on JunHe's Compensation Committee, Partners Review Committee and International Network Committee,

Audrey is the Publication officer of Corporate & M&A Law Committee, International Bar Association.



RON CHEN

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Ronald C. Chen is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in the Corporate Department, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, takeover defense, shareholder activism, corporate governance and securities law matters. Ron has represented numerous public and private entities in a variety of industries, jurisdictions and transactions, including domestic and cross-border merger and acquisition transactions, private equity transactions, joint ventures, divestitures and spin-offs.

Ron received his A.B. *summa cum laude* from Harvard University, where he received the John Williams Prize as the top graduate in economics. Following graduation from Harvard, Ron served as a staff economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers and was the recipient of a Marshall Scholarship to study at the University of Oxford, where he received an M.Sc. in Economic and Social History and an M.B.A. While at Oxford, Ron was also a lecturer in economics at Keble College, Oxford. After completing his M.B.A., Ron was a management consultant at McKinsey & Company.

Ron received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School where he was the recipient of a Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. After law school, he was a Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow at Harvard Law School and a law clerk to the Honorable Robert D. Sack of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Ron has been named a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer*, and a Technology MVP by *Law360*. Ron teaches a course on Mergers & Acquisitions in the Technology Sector and Beyond at Stanford Law School, and has previously taught courses on Mergers & Acquisitions and Other Complex Transactions at Stanford Law School, and Mergers & Acquisitions in the Technology Sector at Harvard Law School. He has also been a Visiting Attorney at Hengeler Mueller in Frankfurt, Germany, and on the M&A Legal Team of Google. Ron also serves as Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's annual conference on Mergers & Acquisitions in the Technology Sector.



CHRISTIAN CHIN

CO-HEAD M&A, PARTNER

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Christian co-heads M&A at Allen & Gledhill, where he also leads its private equity and venture capital practice.

He has been identified as a “Leading Individual” by The Legal 500, is ranked as a Band 1 lawyer by Chambers and Partners, rated as "Highly Regarded" by IFLR1000, included among "The Best Lawyers in Singapore" by Best Lawyers, and is recommended by Lexology Index/Who's Who Legal.

Christian graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LL.B. and holds an MBA from the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business, Babson College where he was a Babson Fellow. He has been a partner at Allen & Gledhill since 2006.



ANNIKA CLAUSS

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HENGELER MUELLER

Annika is a corporate partner at Hengeler Mueller. Her practice focuses on a broad range of M&A transactions with significant experience in cross-border deals. Annika is admitted to the German and New York bar. She received her LL.M. from Harvard and holds a master's degree in East Asian Studies.



HARRY COGHILL

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Harry has broad transactional experience in public and private M&A, equity capital markets and other corporate transactions. He also advises listed clients on a wide range of corporate governance matters, including activism situations.

Harry has authored several publications, and regularly speaks at international conferences, on subjects relevant to his practice. He is also an officer of the IBA's Corporate and M&A Law Committee.

Harry heads Macfarlanes' international practice as well as the public M&A team.



COSTAS CONDOLEON

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Costas is widely recognised as one of Australia's leading strategic and sought-after M&A and securities lawyers. He has advised on a number of Australia's most prominent, novel and complex deals. His expertise spans public and private M&A, corporate and securities law, capital markets, and directors' duties. He is one of a select group of lawyers ranked Band 1 for M&A by Chambers in Australia and is also among the few in the market simultaneously leading billion-dollar transactions.

Costas is a member of the Australian Government's Takeovers Panel, Australia's primary forum for resolving takeover disputes, an adjunct member of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney where he lectures on Schemes of Arrangements and the Takeovers Panel in the Masters of Laws course of Takeovers and Reconstructions and is a member of the Corporations Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

Costas is recognised as a Leading Partner in Corporate and M&A numerous legal directories including Chambers, Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, IFLR1000 and Best Lawyers.



PETER COOK

PARTNER

GILBERT + TOBIN

Peter Cook is a partner in the Corporate Advisory group at Gilbert + Tobin and co-leads the firm's Equity Capital Markets practice. With over 30 years of experience, including time as an investment banker, Peter is widely recognised as one of Australia's most accomplished and trusted transactional lawyers. His practice spans public and private mergers and acquisitions, equity capital markets and private capital. Clients regularly turn to him for his strategic judgement, commercial insight and ability to navigate complex, high-stakes transactions.

Peter has played a lead role in many of Australia's most significant and high-profile corporate deals, earning a reputation as a trusted adviser to public company boards, private equity sponsors and institutional investors. He is the only lawyer in Australia ranked Band 1 across three major categories – Corporate and M&A, Private Equity and Capital Markets: Equity – in the Chambers Asia-Pacific guide, a distinction he has held consistently for more than eight years. His standing in the market is further reinforced by recognition across all major legal directories.

Peter is listed as a Market Leader by IFLR1000 in M&A, Equity Capital Markets and Private Equity. He is also named in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific as a Hall of Fame lawyer for both Capital Markets and Corporate M&A. Best Lawyers Australia ranks him for Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity, Corporate Governance, Corporate Law and Equity Capital Markets, and has awarded him "Lawyer of the Year" on multiple occasions – most recently in 2025 for Private Equity. Since 2012, Who's Who Legal has recognised Peter as both a Global and National Leader in Mergers and Acquisitions and Capital Markets (debt and equity).

Beyond his technical capability, Peter is known for his collaborative approach and enduring relationships with clients – many of whom see him not only as a legal adviser but also as a valued strategic partner in navigating growth, investment and transformation.



ROBRECHT COPPENS

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Robrecht Coppens is a partner in the Corporate and M&A Expertise Group at Loyens & Loeff. He co-heads the firm's multidisciplinary and cross-office Venture Capital Team.

His practice involves international and domestic M&A transactions with a particular focus on private equity and venture capital led transactions and investments. He works across several sectors such as technology and software, life sciences and manufacturing.

In addition, he also advises corporate clients and private equity funds on matters of general corporate law and corporate reorganisation. Over the past few years, he has also built-up significant experience in high profile pre-insolvency and distressed restructuring cases.

Robrecht regularly speaks at national and international conferences. He is chair and program coordinator of the IBA's annual European Start-up Conference.

He is recognised, and has been recognised consistently since many years, in his field of expertise by Chambers & Partners (Global & Europe), The Legal 500 and IFLR1000.



PATRICIA CORDERO

PARTNER

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Patricia Cordero A. is a partner at Alemán, Cordero, Galindo & Lee (Alcogal) in Panama, where she advises clients on complex banking, finance, trust, and corporate matters, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions. Since joining the firm in 2010, she has developed a practice that combines transactional depth with regulatory insight, and regularly acts for leading financial institutions and multinational corporations operating in Panama and across the region.

Her experience includes advising on cross-border acquisitions, corporate restructurings, and trust-based financing structures, often in high-stakes, multi-jurisdictional contexts. Patricia is known for her thoughtful and solution-oriented approach, particularly in matters requiring close coordination with regulators and counterparties in multiple markets.

She serves on the board of Alcogal Trust Panama, where she contributes to the strategic oversight of the firm's fiduciary services. She is also a member of Fundación WIP | Panamá, which supports the advancement of women in the legal profession, and of the Asociación de Directoras de Panamá (ADP), a network that promotes women's leadership in corporate governance.

Committed to education as a driver of opportunity and personal transformation, Patricia also serves on the board of Fundación Educativa Juan Pablo II, a nonprofit focused on expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive education for underserved youth.

She holds a Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science from NYU Stern School of Business. Her work in high-profile financial transactions has been recognized by Chambers and Partners, IFLR1000, and The Legal 500.



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Vishal leads Block's M&A and Investment legal functions.



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CHAIRMAN & SENIOR PARTNER

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Ezra Davids is Bowmans Chairman and Senior Partner. He specialises in both domestic and cross border mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and securities law, and is the relationship partner for a number of our major clients.

He has advised on some of the largest and most complex transactions on the African continent. He is the chair of the Private Equity Sub-committee of the Corporate and M&A Committee of the International Bar Association.

Ezra is a member of the Council of the University of Cape Town. He is also a board member of the Legal Resources Centre, Freedom Under Law and Social Justice Initiative.

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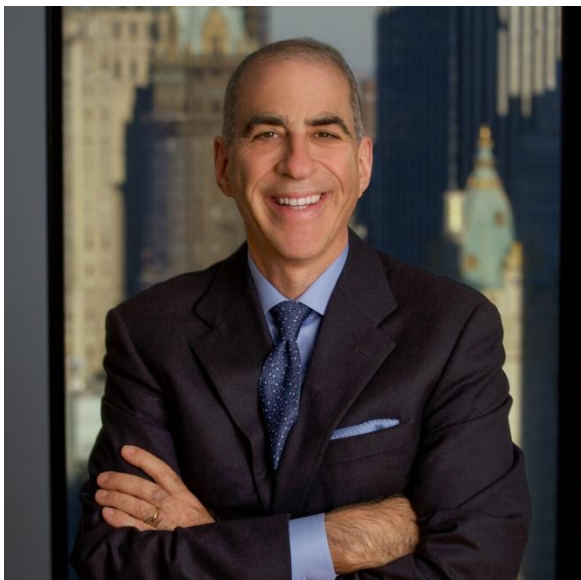
ALEX EDMONDSON

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Alex is head of the firm's private equity practice and specialises in advising private equity clients on buyouts, management incentivisation and sales processes. He also has extensive experience of advising on asset manager M&A, private company M&A and general advisory matters.

Alex has sector expertise in several areas, including in particular the technology sector and co-heads the firm's cross-departmental technology practice group, advising companies, founders and investors.



ADAM EMMERICH

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Adam Emmerich is Co-Chair of Wachtell Lipton's Corporate Department. Adam's practice has included a broad and varied representation of public and private companies in a wide range of industries throughout the United States and around the world, in mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, joint ventures, financing transactions and securities law matters. Adam also has extensive experience and expertise in corporate governance, shareholder activism, and takeover defense and contested acquisition matters.

Adam was named a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer* for his work with T-Mobile USA and Deutsche Telekom in the \$146 billion all-stock combination of T-Mobile and Sprint. Adam also led the Wachtell Lipton teams for Covidien plc in its \$49.9 billion acquisition by Medtronic and Tim Hortons in its \$12.2 billion combination with Burger King Worldwide, which were named by *The American Lawyer* as Global M&A Deal of the Year: Ireland and Global M&A Deal of the Year: Canada.

Adam is co-chair of the International Institute for the Study of Cross-Border M&A (XBMA), and co-chair of the advisory board of New York University's NYU SPS Schack Institute of Real Estate REIT Center. Adam is a member of the American Law Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Economic Club of New York. He has served as co-chair of the NYU Real Estate Institute's Annual Symposium on REITs since its inception. He has been a member of the Corporate Academic Bridge Group of the NYU Pollack Center for Law & Business, and a frequent contributor to the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation.

Adam is an active member and officer of the International Bar Association (IBA), serving as an officer in the Law Firm Management Committee, and a co-chair of the annual IBA M&A Conference in New York. Adam has been a speaker at IBA conferences around the world, including in Mumbai, Frankfurt, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, Singapore, Miami, Mexico City and Panama, among other places, reflecting his expertise and thought leadership in the international legal community.



CHRYSTY ESPERANZA

INTERIM CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AND
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Chrysty is Block's Counsel Lead, overseeing the legal, regulatory, public policy, and communications functions. Chrysty has played a pivotal role in key milestones for Block, including the company's IPO and a number of acquisitions. Prior to Block, she held positions at Electronic Arts Inc. and served as a Deputy Attorney General at the California Department of Justice.



SOPHIE FREDERIX

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Sophie is the Head of the Venture Capital and Growth Equity Practice in Arthur Cox where she dedicates significant time to providing commercial and strategic advice to start-up, early stage and founder led companies and investors in such companies. Sophie advises venture capital and private equity backed businesses across fintech, artificial intelligence (AI), biotechnology, medical devices, clean tech and renewables and other developing areas. On the investor side, Sophie advises include venture capital and growth equity firms, corporate venture capital arms and other institutional partners. Sophie also regularly represents clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions and other late stage transactional matters.



DAVID FRIEDLANDER

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David Friedlander is King & Wood Mallesons' Chairman in Australia and a partner in the Melbourne and Sydney offices.

He is recognised as a market leading practitioner in M&A by global legal directories, including Chambers Global and The Australian Financial Review. He is consistently ranked Band 1 in Chambers and Partners (Corporate/M&A and Capital Markets) and is also in the Legal500 Hall of Fame for both Corporate M&A and Capital Markets.

David regularly acts for both bidders and targets in takeovers and issuers and underwriters in securities offerings. He has also worked on the defence side of several high-profile shareholder activist campaigns. He is a member of several key corporate law bodies and a former member of the Australian Takeovers Panel.

David is integral to the firm's growth in Asia Pacific spending time working closely with our Hong Kong, Singapore and China teams and is a member of the International Management Committee of the firm.

David is also Chairman of the Public Education Foundation, a director of Sydney Dance Company and a panel member of Adara Partners.

David has been named 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Best Lawyers in Australia 2026 edition (Mergers and Acquisitions Law).



TAKESHI FUKUDA

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Takeshi Fukuda is a partner at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto focusing on mergers and acquisitions, takeover and activism defense, and corporate governance. He advises clients of all nationalities and from different jurisdictions in connection with public and private company acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and other corporate matters. He received an LL.B. from The University of Tokyo in 2010, a J.D. valedictorian from The University of Tokyo, School of Law in 2012, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2018. Lawyers in Australia 2026 edition (Mergers and Acquisitions Law).



MANUEL GALICIA

FOUNDING PARTNER

GALICIA ABOGADOS, S.C.

Manuel specializes in advising large companies on financial matters, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and business strategy. He is also a member of the board of directors for several companies. Clients identify him as a pro-business advisor with strategic and tactical qualities in a wide variety of issues and legal matters.



ILENE KNABLE GOTTS

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Ilene Knable Gotts is a partner in the New York City law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, where she focuses on antitrust matters, particularly relating to mergers and acquisitions. Transactions in which Mrs. Gotts advised include FIS/GTCR, Arconic/Apollo/Irenic Management, Meritor/Cummins, Creative Artists Agency/ICM Partners, II-VI/Coherent, Zendesk/Permira and Hellman & Friedman, Thoma Brava/RealPage, Mondelēz/Kitchen Hu, Wesco/Anixter, Simon Property/Taubman, Wex/eNett, Mondelēz/Give &Go, Siris Capital/Travelport, UnitedHealth Group/Davita Medical Group, Publicis Groupe/Epsilon, XO Group/WeddingWire, Siris Capital Group/Travelport Worldwide, IFF/Frutarom, Salesforce/Mulesoft, Prysmian/General Cable, Mondelēz/Tate's Bake Shop, CenturyLink/Level 3, Danone/WhiteWave Foods, Gaming and Leisure Properties/Pinnacle Entertainment, Faiveley/Wabtec, Charter/Time Warner Cable/Bright House, J.M. Smucker's/Big Heart Pet Brands, Publicis/Sapient, Essilor/PPG Industries, Deutsche Telekom/MetroPCS, ConAgra/Ralcorp, PPG Industries/Georgia Gulf, Aetna/Coventry, and International Paper/Temple-Inland. Mrs. Gotts is regularly recognized as one of the world's top antitrust lawyers, including being recognized by *Best Lawyers* as Lawyer of the Year and *MergerLinks* as one of the top Antitrust lawyers in 2024; *The Deal* as a Top Woman in Dealmaking in 2023; *Euromoney's Women in Business Law* with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019, in the 2006-2024 Editions of *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* as one of the top global competition lawyers, in the first tier ranking of Chambers Guide for over two decades, the "leading individuals" ranking of PLC *Which Lawyer Yearbook*, the Antitrust Lawyer of the Year for 2016 by Best Lawyers, Top Lawyer of the Year for 2017 by Cablefax, and Number one North America Thought Leader in the 2018 Edition of *Who's Who Legal*.

Mrs. Gotts previously worked as a staff attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition and Consumer Protection. She has held several leadership positions in the American Bar Association, including serving on the American Bar Association's Board of Governors from 2015-2018 and as the Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law in 2009-2010. In 2006-2007, Mrs. Gotts was the Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Section, which recognized her service to the antitrust bar with the Lifland Service Award in 2010; she has been a member of the American Law Institute for over 20 years. Mrs. Gotts is a frequent guest speaker, has had approximately 200 articles published on antitrust related topics, and served as the editor of the ABA's Merger Review Process book, Law Business Research's Private Competition Enforcement Review (2008-2023 Editions) and Law Business Research's Merger Control Review (2010-2023 Editions). She is a member of the editorial board of *The Antitrust Counselor*, *Antitrust Report*, *Competition Law International* publications, and *Law360's* Competition Editorial Advisory Board. BTI Consulting Group has recognized Mrs. Gotts as a BTI Client Service All-Star for her level of dedication and commitment to exceptional client service.



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Adam Green's practice focuses primarily on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and majority and minority investments across multiple industries. He works regularly with media and emerging technology clients, often representing Swedish founders and startups in their growth and exit phases, and frequently represents foreign clients in Swedish matters as well as Swedish clients in transactions with an international element. Adam is actively engaged in training the firm's M&A lawyers and is a regular lecturer at Stockholm University, the Stockholm Center for Commercial Law, Handelshögskolan (the Stockholm School of Economics) and Domstolsakademin (Academy of Swedish judges). Adam has been repeatedly recognized as a leading Swedish M&A lawyer in Chambers, IFLR 1000, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, and Expert Guide's World's Leading M&A Lawyers.



PHILIPP HAAS

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Philipp Haas is an expert in negotiated as well as hostile acquisitions. He has represented bidders and targets, public and private companies, private equity firms, leveraged acquirers and special committees of directors. He represents companies in divestitures, cross-border transactions and proxy contests, and has counseled managements and boards of directors on acquisition matters, responses to shareholder activism, conflict transactions, corporate governance and other significant issues. The NKF team led by Philipp received the Transatlantic M&A Team of the Year (Large Deal) Award in the 2018 Transatlantic Legal Awards by the American Lawyer and Legal Week for its role as lead advisor to Actelion Ltd in the USD 30 bn acquisition by Johnson & Johnson.

Highlights include:

- Lead counsel to Actelion Ltd, the largest European biopharma company in its USD 30 bn acquisition by Johnson & Johnson and the simultaneous demerger of its drug discovery and early clinical pipeline business into Idorsia Ltd. as well as the IPO of Idorsia Ltd
- Lead counsel to the Bill & Melinda Gate Foundation Trust in the successful defense of Sika AG against the hostile takeover attempt by Saint-Gobain
- Counsel to NASDAQ listed BioTelemetry, Inc. in its successful competing tender offer for LifeWatch AG
- Counsel to GSK plc in its USD 26bn portfolio swap with Novartis AG
- Lead counsel to Actelion Ltd, the largest European biopharma company, in its successful defense against the hostile takeover attempt and proxy fight by Elliott Partners
- Counsel to NYSE listed Dresser Rand, Inc. in its merger of equal negotiations with Sulzer AG and ultimate sale to Siemens SE
- Lead counsel to the state owned bank Cantonal Bank of Thurgovia in its IPO and subsequent secondary offering
- Counsel to NYSE listed Ace Ltd and NYSE listed Allied World Insurance Holding Ltd in their migration to Switzerland and their reconstitution as Swiss companies with NYSE listing



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DANIEL HASLER

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Daniel Hasler heads the Homburger Corporate / M&A practice team. He has wide experience in advising listed and non-listed companies in different industries in complex corporate law and securities regulation matters. Daniel Hasler focuses on M&A, private equity, capital markets and real estate transactions.

Daniel Hasler has advised on numerous public and private M&A transactions, IPOs and capital market transactions. In addition, he has many years of experience in advising boards of directors and management of listed and non-listed companies on corporate governance issues as well as specific challenges such as contentious general meetings, stock exchange law investigations, reorganizations and corporate liability. His practice focuses on the industrial, chemical, pharmaceutical, and technology sectors as well as (regulated) financial companies.

Some of Daniel Hasler's more recent assignment include advising OC Oerlikon on the divestment of its Barmag textile machinery business for manmade fibers to Rieter, Swiss Prime Site AG on the placement of 2.9m shares via an accelerated bookbuild offering, raising gross proceeds of CHF 300m, MyTheresa on its acquisition of YOOX NET-A-PORTER from Richemont, Apollo Global Management on the acquisition of the Travel Corporation, IBM on its acquisition of StreamSets and webMethods from Software AG, KPMG Switzerland on its merger with KPMG UK, Swiss Prime Site on its acquisition of Fundamenta Group's real estate division, Cadence on its USD 1.24bn acquisition of BETA CAE Systems, Vencore UK Limited on its public tender offer for all publicity held shares of Crealogix Holding AG, Swiss Post on the contemplated IPO of Swiss Post Solutions and the sale of Swiss Post Solutions to AS Equity, Clariant on the sale of its global pigments business to a consortium of SK Capital and Heubach, Liberty Global on its contemplated sale of UPC Switzerland to Sunrise and on the public takeover offer for Sunrise, Johnson & Johnson in the public takeover offer for Actelion.

Daniel Hasler regularly lectures at various conferences and seminars in Switzerland and abroad on topics such as corporate law, M&A and takeover law. Daniel Hasler has authored numerous publications in his practice areas, including on corporate law and merger law. At the University of Zurich he is a lecturer in Executive Education (CAS LL.M. International Business Law) since 2018.



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Ms. He is a visiting professor at the Lawyer College of Renmin University of China and National Lawyers College teaching M&A courses.

- Ms. He was awarded “Outstanding Woman Lawyer” of Beijing for 2009-2011 by Beijing Lawyers Association.
- Ms. He is listed in the Greater China Region Guide of Chambers.
- Ms. He was selected as a Global Outstanding Lawyer (Corporate and M&A) in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the highest-ranking lawyers for M&A and Governance in 2020, 2022, 2023 and 2024 by Who's Who Legal.
- Ms. He was selected in The A-List (China's Elite 100 Lawyers) 2021 and The Visionaries 2023 by China Business Law Journal.
- The deal of ChemChina's acquisition of Italian listed company (Pirelli) where Ms. He was the main responsible PRC lawyer was awarded the Outstanding Transaction 2016 (Outbound Investment) by China Law & Practice Awards.
- The transaction of participation by investors into the acquisition of the Peruvian largest power distribution company by Yangtze Power for USD 3.6 Billion assisted by Ms. He was awarded “Deals of the Year 2020” by China Business Law Journal, “Best Deal of the Year” by 2021 IFLR 1000 and “Impact Deal/Case of the Year” by Asialaw Awards 2021.



CHRISTIAN HERBST

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Christian Herbst has been a partner at Schoenherr since 1990.

Christian's main areas of practice are m&a, public takeovers, private equity and corporate finance transactions. Christian enjoys an excellent reputation in representing international and Austrian blue chip corporations in (cross-border) transactional work. In over 30 years of transactional experience, Christian has covered a wide range of economic sectors and industries, including financial services, medtech/pharma, real estate and telecoms.

Recent public M&A headline transactions included B&C Holding/Suzano(Brazil), Lenzing (2024), Rhone Capital (US)/RHI (2023), America Movil (MEX)/Telekom Austria/European Telesites AG (2023), Starwood Capital (US)/CA Immo (2021) and on private M&A inter alia Vauban Infrastructure Partners/MEAG/EDF Invest/Cellnex-OnTower Austria (2024), e+(UAE)/PPF Telecoms (2023), HARPS Global (SING)/Semperit (2022), Cerba HealthCare/EQT/Lifebrain (2021).

Christian is regularly ranked in the top tier of Austria's leading m&a practitioners by Chambers Global/Europe, Legal 500 and IFLR.

Before joining Schoenherr Vienna, he practised with a New York City firm as a foreign associate.

Christian is a lecturer on international business transactions at the University for Economics and Business in Vienna and has published on issues relating to m&a, takeovers and merger control.

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Memberships: IBA (Co-Chair of the Corporate & M&A Law Committee of the International Bar Association 2015-2016), UIA

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SASCHA HÖDL

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Sascha Hödl is a partner at Schoenherr Vienna, focusing on M&A, private equity, public takeovers and corporate restructurings. He has been involved in high-profile public take-over transactions in Austria, including NLB/Addiko Bank (2024), CPI/IMMOFINANZ (2022), Deutsche Wohnen/Conwert (2015) and SIEMENS/VA TECH (2012). He continuously represents domestic and international blue chips in highly publicized M&A deals in Austria and the Central Eastern European region.

His M&A highlights in 2024/25 include the representation of

- the Austrian state holding ÖBAG in the acquisition of the Mubadala stake in OMV by ADNOC and the creation of a new USD 60+ billion global polyolefins champion including OMV's subsidiary Borealis, ADNOC's Borouge Group and Nova Chemicals corporation
- Germany's health care group FRESINIUS in the sale of VAMED's European rehabilitation business to PAI Partners and further parts of VAMED's business to PORR and STRABAG
- Dutch listed NXP Semiconductor in the acquisition of TTTech Auto AG
- Stonepeak in the acquisition of a co-control stake in IFCO

Since the outbreak of the global financial crisis, Sascha has been representing major Austrian banks in bailouts and high-profile banking M&A transactions. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he assisted the Republic of Austria in establishing a state agency and in structuring the financial aid measures granted by this agency to the Austrian economy.

Sascha graduated from the University of Graz, Austria, in 1993, received his doctoral degree in 1996 and was admitted to the Austrian Bar in 2001. He is also a graduate of Harvard Law School (LL.M., 2000) and practiced with a now UK-based international law firm before joining Schoenherr in 2000. Sascha is a lecturer on international M&A transactions at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.



PABLO IACOBELLI

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Pablo Iacobelli is the Managing Partner of Carey, Chile's largest law firm, and co-head of the firm's Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions Group. With nearly 30 years of experience, he has led major cross-border transactions across sectors including energy, agribusiness, infrastructure, telecommunications, insurance, and financial services.

He regularly advises global corporations, private equity funds, and financial institutions on complex M&A, joint ventures, corporate reorganizations, and foreign investment in Chile. His recent work includes advising on multi-billion-dollar deals involving Hapag-Lloyd, Liberty Latin America, Patria Investments, BlackRock, and Qatar Airways.

Pablo holds a law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (1991) and an LL.M. from Duke University School of Law (1994). In 1998, he practiced as a foreign associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York.

He is ranked in Chambers Latin America, The Legal 500, and IFLR1000 for Corporate and M&A. He is also active in the International Bar Association, where he formerly chaired the Latin American Regional Forum and currently serves on the Corporate and M&A Committee.



MIKITO ISHIDA

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MORI HAMADA & MATSUMOTO

Mikito's background and experience make him a valuable asset to Mori Hamada's new San Francisco Bay Area office. With his extensive expertise in supporting investments in startups and advising on the formation of private equity and venture capital funds, he is well-equipped to navigate the complex landscape of startup investment and fund structuring. His knowledge of fund regulation and cross-border M&A transactions further enhances his ability to provide comprehensive legal support to clients.

Mikito's career began at SMBC, where he gained valuable experience in corporate planning, followed by a role as an investment officer at a Japanese venture capital firm. This diverse background in finance and investment complements his legal expertise, allowing him to offer clients a well-rounded perspective on their business ventures.

His academic achievements, including graduating magna cum laude from the University of Tokyo Law School and earning an LL.M. in Corporate Governance & Practice from Stanford Law School, underscore his dedication and proficiency in the field. The Gerald Gunther Prize in Venture Capital I class at Stanford highlights his specific interest and skill in venture capital, which is particularly relevant to his current role.

Outside of his professional life, Mikito's passion for American football, both as a former player at University of Tokyo and as a fan, adds a personal dimension to his profile, reflecting his ability to connect with clients and colleagues on shared interests.



FULVIO ITALIANI

PARTNER

D'EMPAIRE

Fulvio Italiani is widely considered as one of Venezuela's leading lawyers. Over the years, he has earned top rankings from prestigious legal directories: Chambers & Partners lists him as the sole Star Individual in corporate and M&A, Band 1 in banking and finance and Band 2 in Energy and Natural Resources. Legal 500 recognizes him as a Leading Individual in Corporate and M&A, Banking and Finance and Energy. Fulvio has played a pivotal role in many of the most significant transactions in Venezuela over the past two decades.

Fulvio has extensive experience advising foreign clients on projects involving Venezuelan state-owned enterprises, including Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA) and its affiliates, Corporación Venezolana de Guaya (CVG) and its subsidiaries, including Ferrominera Orinoco, Sidor and the aluminum companies.

Chambers' editorial describes him as "a first-class corporate lawyer like few others in Latin America... with clients praising his 'deep knowledge of the Venezuelan market and his ability to handle complex, high-value transactions with ease.' One client notes, 'He is a strategic thinker who always finds practical solutions to challenging issues.'" Legal500 refers to Fulvio as "a standout practitioner in the Venezuelan legal market," with sources highlighting his 'exceptional client service and commercial acumen.' The guide notes that he 'has a proven track record in advising on major cross-border deals and is highly regarded for his negotiation skills.'" Latin Lawyer noted that "Fulvio Italiani is regarded as a key figure by many of his peers in Venezuela who seem to view him as a permanent fixture at the top of the market. Clients meanwhile praise his 24/7 availability and total commitment to the projects he gets involved in. He has proved effective and able to provide simple solutions even in a complex environment."

Fulvio earned his law degree summa cum laude from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in 1990. Before becoming a partner at D'Empaire in 1996, he worked as an associate at a premier New York law firm from 1993 to 1996.



MASAKAZU IWAKURA

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Masakazu Iwakura is a Professor of Law at Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Law (Department of Business Law) and a Senior Partner at TMI Associates. He obtained an LL.B. from the University of Tokyo in 1985 and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1993, and is qualified to practice in Japan and the State of New York.

Mr. Iwakura has lectured on corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law and the other business laws at various law schools and universities for more than 30 years. He was a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in 2007 and 2013 academic years and a lecturer of law at Kyoto University Law School from 2005 to 2007; furthermore, he has been a Professor of Law (Corporate Law and M&A Law) at Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Law (Department of Business Law) since 2006.

Mr. Iwakura has handled a variety of large-scale and unprecedented (domestic and cross-border) M&As, inter alia, the acquisition of Toshiba Corporation by Japan Industry Partners in 2023, JAPAN POST's acquisition of Toll Holdings, the incorporation of Mizuho Financial Group by three major banks, Idemitsu Kosan's acquisition of Showa Shell Sekiyu shares from Royal Dutch Shell, the integration of UFJ Bank Group and Mitsubishi Tokyo Financial Group (MUFG), the acquisitions of AIG Edison Life Insurance and AIG Star Life Insurance by Prudential Financial, the demutualization and the GPO of the Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Nidec Corporation's acquisition of TAKISAWA in 2023 (which is the first unsolicited buyout in Japan in line with METI's Corporate Takeovers Guide lines), etc.

He has authored various textbooks and articles including "Casebook Mergers & Acquisitions" together with Professor J. Mark Ramseyer of Harvard Law School in 2015, "Japan Chapter-The Real Estate M&A and Private Equity Review" published by Law Reviews since 2017, "Japan Chapter-International Mergers & Acquisitions Review" published by Euromoney Trading in, "Japan Chapter – The PLC The Mergers and Acquisitions multi-jurisdictional guide" published since 2016, "The Leading Edge of M&A Legal Work" published in 2010, "Intellectual Property Laws" published in 2010, "Practical Consultation of the New Corporate Law" published in 2016, etc.



DAVID KARP

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David C. Karp is a corporate partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. His practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, shareholder activism defense and corporate and securities law matters.

Mr. Karp was named a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer* in 2023 for his work advising Broadcom in its \$69 billion acquisition of VMware and in 2006 for advising the New York Stock Exchange in its initial public offering. In 2008, the *International Financial Law Review* recognized the cross-border merger of the NYSE Group and Euronext, in which Mr. Karp advised the NYSE Group, as the M&A Deal of the Year. Mr. Karp is regularly recognized by *Expert Guides* and *Lawdragon*, among others, as a leader in his field.

In the area of corporate governance, Mr. Karp served as counsel to the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Accountability and Listing Standards Committee, which drafted the NYSE Listed Company Manual's corporate governance listing standards.

Mr. Karp served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, where he taught mergers and acquisitions law. He also writes and speaks frequently on corporate governance and merger and acquisition topics.

Mr. Karp earned a J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 1993, where he was a member of The University of Chicago Law Review, and an A.B. *magna cum laude* from Harvard in 1990. Following graduation from law school, he clerked for the Honorable J. Daniel Mahoney of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mr. Karp serves on the Board of Governors of the Fenway Golf Club, and is a past member of the University of Chicago Law School Council and the NYU Journal of Law & Business Professional Advisory Board.

Mr. Karp is a member of the American Bar Association, where he is a past vice-chair of the International Securities Transactions Committee in the Section of International Law and Practice. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is a past trustee of the Scarsdale Foundation and a past chairman and member of the Scarsdale Village Planning Board.



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Joon Kim is a partner at Kim & Chang's Corporate Practice Group. While his practice is diverse, spanning inbound, outbound, private equity, strategic, private and public, he chairs the firm's crossborder International Practice and has been involved in a vast majority of major deals by Korean conglomerates. Joon also has extensive experience in the shareholder activism sphere, having been involved in substantially all shareholder activism campaigns in Korea during the past two decades. His keen legal/business acumen and practical problem-solving approach have fostered significant business in the practice group.

Joon has co-authored multiple "Getting the Deal Through" and "Practical Law" articles on foreign investments and mergers & acquisitions. Most recently he published "The Shareholder Rights and Activism Review (Edition 4-5): Korea Chapter" (2019-2020) in Law Business Research, "The Legal 500 – Corporate Governance Country Comparative Guide: Korea Chapter (Edition 1,2)" (2019-2020) in Legalease and "Getting the Deal Through – Foreign Investment Review: Korea chapter" (2016) in Law Business Research



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Mr. Kim's areas of focus extend to merger control and other competition law matters, which help provide comprehensive and effective advice to his clients for corporate transactions. He is a renowned antitrust expert and advises corporate clients on a wide range of antitrust law matters, with a particular focus on abuse of market dominance, cartels and merger controls. Mr. Kim represents many leading multinational and domestic companies in government investigations and litigations, and often brings about excellent results through highly innovative and effective approaches, employing both creative arguments and persuasive communication abilities. Mr. Kim also represents a broad range of foreign companies in criminal defense cases, corporate investigations, and compliance and regulatory audit matters.

Mr. Kim received his law degree from Seoul National University, College of Law in 1995 and graduated from the Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea in 1997. He also received his LL.M from Harvard Law School in 2006. In addition to his experience in Korea, Mr. Kim was a visiting attorney at Davis Polk & Wardwell's New York office in 2006 and 2007. He is a member of the Bar of the Republic of Korea and the Bar of the State of New York.



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Before joining Gen, Bryan served as Logitech International's general counsel, corporate secretary and head of corporate development. Prior to his tenure at Logitech, he was general counsel and corporate secretary for Fuhu, Inc., a late-stage startup.

He received his MBA and BA degrees from UC Berkeley and his JD from Rutgers University School of Law.



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Antti Kuha's practice focuses on capital markets transactions, public takeovers, and other corporate transactions involving listed companies as well as corporate governance matters. He has advised clients in numerous public tender offers, IPOs, mergers and demergers, and share offerings, including some of the largest transactions in the Finnish market. Antti has LLM degrees from University of Helsinki and Stanford Law School, where he studied as a Fulbright Scholar.



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Mr. Li is a seasoned international corporate lawyer with over 30 years of experience, focusing on cross-border M&A and strategic investments between China and the United States. With a deep understanding of the business, legal, and cultural nuances of both markets, he advises Fortune 500 companies, institutional investors, SMEs, and entrepreneurs on structuring and executing complex transactions.

Mr. Li has led numerous high-profile M&A deals, joint ventures, and strategic investments across diverse industries including automotive, clean energy, education, healthcare, life insurance, logistics, e-commerce, and hospitality. His China-facing practice includes representing U.S.-based multinationals on market entry, acquisitions, and compliance for their China operations. He has also served as lead counsel on multiple award-winning deals recognized as “Deals of the Year” in Asia.

Throughout his career, Mr. Li has built and reinvented legal practices, transitioning from a top banking lawyer in Shanghai to a pioneer in China’s IPO market, and later to a trusted M&A advisor on U.S. transactions involving Chinese stakeholders. His practice has taken him from Shanghai to New York, Palo Alto, and Seattle, making him a valued connector across professional and business communities.

In addition to M&A, Mr. Li has advised on over 200 IPOs and bond offerings across major global exchanges, including first-of-their-kind transactions and record-setting listings in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and New York.

Now based on the U.S. West Coast, Mr. Li frequently advises clients on inbound investments, corporate structuring, and regulatory matters. Mr. Li also provided expert opinions on Chinese law in courts of different jurisdictions around the world.

Mr. Li is a former founding partner of a leading Chinese “Red Circle” law firm, and an active member of legal and business organizations on both sides of the Pacific. He has served as an adjunct lecturer, arbitrator, and held leadership roles in the ABA Section of International Law, China Committee, Chinese American Lawyers Forum, Seattle Chinese Bar Association, and Shanghai Bar Association.



BERNADINE LIM

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Bernadine is an accomplished cross-border strategist and business leader with extensive experience building partnerships and investments across biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, and emerging technologies. Over the years, she has developed a reputation for connecting capital, innovation, and strategy across markets — particularly between the U.S., U.K., and Southeast Asia.

Born in Singapore and educated in both Singapore and the United States, Bernadine brings a rare combination of multicultural understanding and commercial insight to international deal making. Her career spans more than two decades of negotiating and closing complex transactions with blue-chip pharmaceutical companies, diagnostics providers, and world-class research institutions. She has a strong track record in navigating not just the business side of global partnerships, but also the regulatory and cultural factors that shape their success.

As Chief Commercial Officer and Co-Founder of a U.S.-headquartered biotech company, Bernadine led its expansion into Asia. She was instrumental in securing the company's first clinical implementation at Singapore General Hospital and in forging long-term partnerships with MSD Singapore and Merck. These relationships were central to the company's growth, helping establish its credibility and footprint in global markets.

Her expertise extends beyond life sciences. Bernadine advises AI and Web3 startups on entering and scaling in Southeast Asia, guiding them through regulatory requirements, partnership development, and investment structuring. Her ability to bridge emerging technologies with real-world market opportunities has made her a trusted advisor to early-stage companies and investors alike.

Bernadine began her career in investment banking and early-stage venture development, where she honed her skills in financial structuring, capital efficiency, and strategic negotiations. She has a knack for balancing the interests of all parties while creating room for growth and long-term success.

With a professional network spanning the U.S., U.K., Singapore and rest of Asia, Bernadine remains deeply engaged in building innovation ecosystems that connect science, technology, and global markets. She is passionate about forging partnerships that not only deliver commercial results but also create lasting impact across borders.



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CHARLES MARTIN

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9/2002	Sullivan & Cromwell LLP(NY) (2002-2003)
1/2005	Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
1/2013	Corporate and M&A Committee Officer, International Bar Association (2013-2023)
4/2013	Visiting associate professor, The University of Tokyo, School of Law (2013-2016)
1/2015	Managing Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
4/2024	Executive Officer, Vice President and Executive Officer, CLO, General Counsel, Hitachi, Ltd.
4/2025	Representative Executive Officer, Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.



VINCENT MERCIER

SENIOR PARTNER

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Vince Mercier is a partner at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP and is recognized as a leading practitioner in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions, advising bidders, targets and special committees on significant public company transactions across industries. He also advises public company boards on activism defence.

Vince is a former member of the firm's Management Committee. He is also the chair of the board of Pathways to Education Canada, a member of the board of directors of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, a former director of Covenant House Toronto and a former chair of Camp Oochigeas (now known as Campfire Circle).



ROBERT MOBASSALY

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL
COUNSEL

HPE JUNIPER NETWORKING

Robert Mobassaly joined Juniper in 2012 and served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel from July 2021 to July 2025 when Juniper was acquired by HPE. Previously, he served as Deputy General Counsel, and he started his legal career in private practice in New York.



RAAJ NARAYAN

PARTNER, CORPORATE

WACHTELL, LIPTON, ROSEN & KATZ

Raaj S. Narayan is a Partner at Wachtell Lipton in the Corporate Department. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, takeover and shareholder activism defense, and corporate governance matters. He represents public and private companies and private equity funds on a wide range of domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, investments, joint ventures, initial public offerings and other securities offerings. Based in Silicon Valley, he represents companies and investors across industries.

Mr. Narayan has been named a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer* and a Leading Dealmaker by *Lawdragon*. Earlier in his career he was recognized as a Rising Star by several publications, including *Law360*, *Expert Guides*, *IFLR* and *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Narayan serves on the Boards of the San Francisco Symphony and Stanford Law School. He received a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he was a member of the *Stanford Law Review* and the *Stanford Law & Policy Review* and led the Afghanistan Legal Education Project. Mr. Narayan is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the State Bar of California.



NAVEEN NATARAJ

CO-HEAD OF U.S. INVESTMENT BANKING &
SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR

EVERCORE INC.

Naveen Nataraj is co-head of Investment Banking, U.S., and a member of the firm's Management Committee. He focuses on advising companies in the technology, media & telecommunications sector.

During his 20-plus years at Evercore, Mr. Nataraj has advised clients on transactions totaling over \$700 billion in value. Recent deals include advising Dayforce on its sale to Thoma Bravo; CommScope on the sale of its Connectivity and Cable Solutions business to Amphenol; Calpine on its sale to Constellation Energy; Synopsys on its acquisition of Ansys; Nuance on its sale to Microsoft; athenahealth on its sale to H&F and Bain Capital; Blackstone on its acquisition of Emerson's climate-technology business; NortonLifeLock on its merger with Avast; Verizon on its sale of Yahoo! to Apollo; Grubhub on its merger with Just Eat Takeaway.com; and Dell on its merger with the VMware tracking stock.

Mr. Nataraj has advised on several of the sector's largest transactions: Qualcomm on its successful hostile defense against Broadcom; Broadcom on its sale to Avago Technologies; Dell on its sale to Michael Dell and Silverlake; EMC on its sale to Dell; Samsung on its acquisition of Harman; AT&T on its acquisition of BellSouth; EDS on its sale to HP; and TWCable on its spinoff from Time Warner.

Mr. Nataraj serves on the board of trustees and chairs the investment committee of the University of Rochester. He also serves on the board of the Hotchkiss School and on the National Council of the National Park Foundation.



WAI KING NG

CHAIRMAN AND SENIOR PARTNER

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NG Wai King is the Chairman and Senior Partner of WongPartnership, a preeminent Singapore law firm.

Wai King has been involved in many of the largest M&A and private equity transactions in Singapore and the region over the years including the contested bid for Fraser & Neave, the privatisation of GLP by a consortium of private equity investors, the acquisition of Flipkart by Walmart, the purchase of Bank Danamon by MUFG, the merger of the offshore marine businesses of Keppel Offshore Marine and Sembcorp Marine and the sale by Olam (a Temasek portfolio entity) of its agri business to Saudi Agriculture and Livestock Investment Company (a PIF portfolio entity).

His expertise in corporate law has seen him consistently recognised as a leading lawyer in renowned legal publications including Chambers Asia-Pacific and Global, The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, IFLR1000, the FT Innovative Legal Awards and Who's Who Legal where he is regarded as a Global Elite Thought Leader, amongst others.

Wai King serves on the board of directors of various private and public institutions in Singapore including the Board of Directors of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Board of Trustees of the National University of Singapore and the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law.

Wai King graduated from the National University of Singapore where he was awarded the AV Winslow Prize, and obtained a LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law where he graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.



ROBIN PANOVKA

PARTNER, REAL ESTATE M&A

WACHTELL, LIPTON, ROSEN & KATZ

Robin Panovka co-chairs Wachtell Lipton's Real Estate and REIT M&A practices, which are consistently at the forefront of M&A and other major transactions in the REIT, private equity, real estate, hospitality and gaming industries. He also advises on activism defense, strategy, cross-border transactions, and large scale development projects, including the redevelopment of the World Trade Center and Little Island in Manhattan.

Representative matters can be found at Real Estate M&A Practice.

Robin has long been named one of the *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Lawyers in the U.S., and is ranked as one of the leading M&A and REIT lawyers by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *Who's Who Legal* and similar publications. He has been featured in a number of publications, including *Lawdragon* Magazine and *American Lawyer*, and is a recipient of New York University's Urban Leadership Award. Robin was named one of the top 10 most influential REIT lawyers shaping U.S. real estate landscape by *Business Today*, which noted that he "dominates the scene with his in-depth knowledge in bulge-bracket M&A and REIT corporate law." Law 360 named him MVP in 2024 and previously 2022 for his work in real estate M&A.

He writes and lectures widely, including co-authoring "REITs: Mergers and Acquisitions," a leading treatise published by *Law Journal Press*. He is co-chair of the NYU REIT Center and has served as an adjunct professor at Columbia Business and Law Schools and in NYU's Masters in Real Estate Program. He is a founding director of the International Institute for the Study of Cross-Border M&A (XBMA), a joint venture among Peking University, Cambridge and NYU. He regularly chairs annual conferences for the NYU REIT Center, Practising Law Institute and XBMA. He is also active on a number of educational and non-profit boards, including the boards of Duke Law School and NYU's Real Estate Institute; is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers; and is a member of the Economic Club of New York.

Robin was heavily involved in the redevelopment of the World Trade Center for more than a decade following its destruction on September 11, 2001 and played a hand in negotiating the master plan and "footprint swap" which paved the way to rebuilding, as chronicled in the *Cornell Real Estate Review*, *American Lawyer* Magazine and other publications.



CARLOS PATRÓN

PARTNER

PAYET, REY, CAUVI, PEREZ

Carlos Patrón is a Partner at Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados. He specializes in competition law, regulatory law, telecommunications, energy, corporate law and civil law.

He holds a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Public Policy in Latin America from the University of Oxford (2001), as a Shell Centenary scholarship recipient; a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Yale University (1998); and a Law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (1997). He has been a member of the Lima Bar Association since 2000 and is also a member of the American Bar Association and the American Law & Economics Association.

He has extensive experience in Peruvian competition law, having participated in significant investigations and proceedings across various sectors. He has been involved in some of the most important administrative sanctioning cases related to cartel enforcement, including those involving tissue paper, maritime conferences, PCC shipping companies, LPG, and pharmacies. His work encompasses both legal and economic analysis as well as the management of strategies in complex proceedings.

Before joining the firm, he was a visiting associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York and a senior associate at Andersen Legal, affiliated with Andersen Worldwide. He also worked at Peru's National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), where he served as Technical Secretary of the Consumer Protection Commission, Advisor to the Economic Studies Department, and Legal Assistant to the Competition Tribunal and the Unfair Competition Commission.

In the academic field, he has published works for prestigious universities and institutions in various countries on competition law, economic analysis of law, and regulatory law. He is also a Tenured Professor at the Faculty of Law of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and teaches Economic Regulation and Competition Law at the Graduate School of the Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas. In 2006, he was a Visiting Professor in the Law & Policy in the Americas program at the Levin College of Law, University of Florida.



JUAN MARTIN PERROTTO

PARTNER

URIA MENENDEZ

Juan Martín is a corporate partner at Uría Menéndez, a leading law firm with 700 lawyers headquartered in Madrid. He is qualified to practice law in both Spain and Argentina. His career has spanned working in Latin America (Argentina), Europe (Spain), and Asia (China). His practice focuses on M&A and infrastructure law. Juan Martín also serves as an arbitrator at various institutions in Asia, including CIETAC, the Asia International Arbitration Centre, and SCIA. He has published numerous articles and has taught at universities in Argentina, Spain, and China.



EMMANUEL PRESSMAN

CO-CHAIR

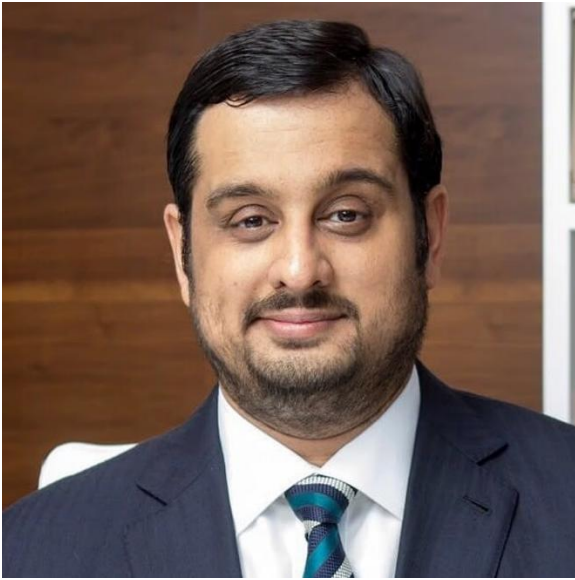
OLSER, HOSKIN & KARCOURT LLP

Emmanuel (Manny) Pressman is Co-Chair of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt and a member of the Partnership Board. He represents public and private companies, private equity sponsors, special committees, boards of directors, and investment banks involved in take-over bids, proxy contests, joint ventures, negotiated and contested mergers and acquisitions, and a range of corporate transactions and restructurings.

Mr. Pressman is widely and repeatedly recognized as a leading M&A practitioner including by Who's Who Legal (Global Leader); Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business (Band 1); The Lexpert/AmLaw Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada; The Legal 500; The Best Lawyers in Canada; and The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (Most Frequently Recommended).

In 2022, Mr. Pressman was recognized by Best Lawyers as its "Lawyer of the Year" in Corporate Law. In 2021, he was recognized by Lexpert as one of "Toronto's Top 20 Best M&A Lawyers". In 2020, he was recognized by IFLR 1000 as the inaugural recipient of its "M&A Lawyer of the Year Award" for Canada. In 2019, he was recognized as one of Canada's "Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers" by Canadian Lawyer in its annual peer survey.

Mr. Pressman is an elected Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences relating to mergers and acquisitions, and has guest lectured at the McGill University Faculty of Law, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and the IBA Mergers & Acquisitions Conference in New York; and was the co-author of the Canada chapter of the International Mergers & Acquisitions Review for 10 years. Among his community involvement, Mr. Pressman currently serves on the Board of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation.



ASHWATH RAU

SENIOR PARTNER

AZB & PARTNERS

Ashwath, who has over 26 years of experience, is a general corporate lawyer, focusing on M&A, Private Equity, Financial Regulatory, Investment Funds and Corporate Governance. He has been recognised globally by Chambers & Partners, asialaw, Asian Legal Business, Asia Pacific Legal 500, IFLR1000 and Who's Who Legal as a leading M&A, private equity and funds practitioner in India. Chambers has rated him in Band 1 for both Corporate / M&A and Private Equity. He is a Winner of asialaw Awards' Asia Corporate and M&A Lawyer of the Year (2024) and has been recognised as "Dealmaker of the Year" by ALB India Law Awards for four years (2021, 2023, 2024 and 2025). Ashwath has also been recognised as one of the "Top 15 M&A Lawyers in Asia" by Asian Legal Business (Thomson Reuters) (2021 and 2023).

He featured amongst the "Top 100 Indian Lawyers" list published by Indian Business Law Journal (Vantage Asia) every year since 2016. The Economic Times in 2016 recognised him as one of India's top 40 business leaders and hailed him as a "M&A lawyer par excellence".

He was ranked #1 of the Top 100 Corporate Deal Makers of the Year (2018-19) in India in The InLegal 50 published by Legally India (2019). Has been part of SEBI committees / working groups for review of regulations relating to mutual funds and foreign portfolio investors (2018 - 19). Was a member of the Investment Funds Committee of the International Bar Association from 2014-18.

His key relationship clients include Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, BlackRock, Schneider Electric, Tata group, Reliance Industries, TOTAL, Larsen & Toubro, KKR, Carlyle, PAG Capital, Tiger Global and Visa Inc.



PEDRO RAVINA

PARTNER

URÍA MENÉNDEZ

Pedro Ravina joined the Madrid office of Uría Menéndez in 2004. In 2008 he was seconded to the in-house legal department of J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd in London for four months and from October 2010 to October 2012 he was based in our London office. From October 2013 to April 2014, Pedro was seconded to the New York headquarters of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

His practice is focused on banking and finance, M&A deals (in particular, with financial entities), capital markets and corporate restructuring transactions.

Pedro has been involved in a number of investment and divestment projects in listed and non-listed companies, as well as in corporate and project finance transactions and corporate restructuring processes, advising mainly financial entities and private equity firms.

He regularly advises on regulatory aspects concerning financial activities (e.g., banking, investment services and payment services), and undertakings for collective investment. Pedro has acted for Spanish management companies and international investment banks in bond and mortgage security issuances (mainly covered bonds), as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securitisations, and other domestic and multi-jurisdictional structured finance deals.

Pedro has been named in Legal Media Group's Expert Guides as an LMG Rising Star in Banking and Finance.



GRANT REID

DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL & CORPORATE
SECRETARY

ATLASSIAN

Grant Reid is Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Atlassian (Nasdaq: TEAM), a leading provider of team collaboration and productivity software. In these roles he oversees Atlassian's corporate governance, external reporting, mergers and acquisitions and strategic investments, employment and equity administration legal functions. He has held multiple in-house legal roles at private and public technology companies after starting his career as an associate at Wilson Sonsini. He is a graduate of Tufts University and Duke University School of Law and is based in San Francisco.



JOHN ROBINSON

PARTNER, CORPORATE

WACHTELL, LIPTON, ROSEN & KATZ

John L. Robinson is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate and securities matters. John's practice includes cross-border and domestic mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, carve-outs and private equity transactions. He also advises companies on takeover defense and in responding to shareholder activism and proxy contests.

John received his A.B. in economics, *summa cum laude*, from Dartmouth College, where he was a Rufus Choate Scholar. He received his J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School, where he was a senior editor of the *Stanford Law Review*.

Prior to law school, John worked as an associate consultant at the business strategy consulting firm L.E.K. Consulting, in its Boston and Paris offices.



STEVE ROSENBLUM

PARTNER, CORPORATE

WACHTELL, LIPTON, ROSEN & KATZ

Steven A. Rosenblum has been a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz since 1989 and serves as co-chair of the firm's Corporate Department. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, takeover defense, corporate governance, shareholder and hedge fund activism, proxy fights, joint ventures and securities law. Mr. Rosenblum has been recognized by *Chambers Global* as one of the world's leading transactional lawyers and by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 leading lawyers in America and as one of the 500 Leading Dealmakers in America. He has been selected several times as a BTI Client Service All-Star by the BTI Consulting Group for his level of dedication and commitment to exceptional client service.

Mr. Rosenblum received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1982 and his B.A. from Harvard College *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa in 1978. Prior to joining the firm, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph L. Tauro, United States District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Mr. Rosenblum is a member of the American Law Institute, the American College of Governance Counsel, and the Board of Advisors of the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law. He writes and participates in panels and programs on a number of topics, including mergers and acquisitions, shareholder and hedge fund activism, corporate governance, corporate disclosure and proxy reform. He has served as co-chair of the Annual Federal Securities Institute in Miami since 2005.



BEN ROTH

PARTNER, CORPORATE

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Ben Roth joined Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz's Corporate Department in 2001 and was elected to the partnership in 2009. He serves as the assigning partner for the Corporate Department. His practice focuses on advising boards of directors, management teams and financial sponsors in connection with domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts and other private equity transactions, capital markets transactions, including IPOs and spinoffs and other forms of securities offerings, and general corporate governance, ESG, and securities law matters, including proxy fights and activism preparedness and defense. He has advised a broad range of public and private companies and financial sponsors in the United States and abroad in a variety of industries, including technology, health care, pharmaceuticals, retail, energy, industrials and financial institutions.

Ben is a key leader in Wachtell Lipton's Technology Transactions practice. He spends a significant amount of time advising public and private clients in the technology sector on transactional and governance matters, as well as advising other companies seeking to acquire high-tech assets. He spends a significant amount of his time on the West Coast.

In 2013, Ben was selected as a winner of the "40 Under 40" Awards for legal advisors by *The M&A Advisor*. He also has been featured three times as Dealmaker of the Week by *AmLaw Daily*, included several times as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of mergers and acquisitions by *Super Lawyers* magazine, and recognized as an expert in mergers and acquisitions by *ExpertGuides*. He was selected as one of the Top 10 M&A lawyers in North America for 2022 and as one of the Top 10 Technology Lawyers in North America for 2024 by *MergerLinks*. He was also selected by *Lawdragon* as a Leading Dealmaker in America and a Leading Energy Lawyer in America. Ben also speaks and writes frequently on both transactional and governance-related topics. He serves as the Vice Chair of the International M&A Joint Venture Committee of the American Bar Association.

Ben received a B.S. in Foreign Service, *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. with honors from Stanford Law School, where he served as co-editor-in-chief of the *Stanford Journal of Law, Business and Finance*. He is a member of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors. He established the Wachtell Lipton Running Team and is an avid runner. He is also a spin enthusiast and is a Certified Spinning Instructor.



PHIL ROTHENBERG

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ALBERTO SARAVALLE

PARTNER

BONELLIEREDE

Alberto Saravalle is a partner at BonelliErede, a firm he co-founded in 1999. He served as Managing Partner for two terms (2007–2013). Alberto has also practiced law in New York and Paris. His main areas of expertise are corporate law, M&A and capital markets.

He is a professor of European Union law at the University of Padua, where he also teaches a course on the Economic and Monetary Union. He served as legal counsel to the Undersecretary of State for European Affairs and was a member of the Scientific Committee for the Future of Europe, established by the Office of the Prime Minister on July 15, 2021. In the past he has advised the Italian government on international and financial legal matters on various occasions.

Alberto graduated in law from the University of Padua and went on to obtain an LLB from Cambridge University and an LLM from Yale Law School (Fulbright Scholar).

He is the author of *An introduction to the law of economic and monetary union*, published by Edward Elgar in March 2021, and co-authored with Carlo Stagnaro *Capitalismo di guerra* (War Capitalism) in 2025, *Molte riforme per nulla* (Many reforms about nothing) in 2022, and *Contro il sovranismo economico* (The case against economic nationalism) in 2020. He contributes op-eds to various newspapers, including *Il Corriere della Sera*, *Repubblica – Affari & Finanza*, *Il Foglio*, *Il Sole 24 Ore* and has been published in *The Wall Street Journal*.

MAXIMILIAN SCHIESSL

PARTNER

HENGELER MUELLER



Maximilian Schiessl graduated from Munich Law School (J.D. 1982, S.J.D. in corporate law 1985) and Harvard Law School (LL.M. 1986) and has been a corporate/M&A partner at Hengeler Mueller in Germany since 1991.

The focus of his practice is on advising boards (including on ESG matters and shareholder activism) and on representing both strategics and financial sponsors (e.g. Blackstone, EQT, KKR, Silver Lake) in cross border transactions (e.g. Daimler/Chrysler, e.on/Endesa, Hoechst/Rhône-Poulenc, Linde/Praxair, Groupe PSA Peugeot/Opel, Vodafone/Kabel Deutschland).

Max teaches corporate law at Heinrich Heine Law School in Düsseldorf. He served as Chair of the Corporate/M&A Committee (1998-2002) and of the Capital Markets Group (2002-2004) of the International Bar Association and is the Co-founder of the New York M&A Conference of the IBA.



COLLINS J. SEITZ, JR.

CHIEF JUSTICE

SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE

The Honorable Collins J. Seitz, Jr. was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware on November 8, 2019. He has served as a Supreme Court Justice since 2015. Prior to his appointment, Chief Justice Seitz founded a corporate advisory and litigation firm in Wilmington, Delaware representing clients in high profile corporate and trust disputes in the Delaware Court of Chancery and the Supreme Court. He was also a long-time partner in a large Wilmington, Delaware law firm, where he litigated corporate and intellectual property disputes.

Chief Justice Seitz serves as Judicial Liaison to the Corporate Laws Committee of the American Bar Association and is an Adviser on the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law, Corporate Governance. He also serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction. A member of the Delaware Bar since 1983, Chief Justice Seitz formerly served as a board member and chair of the Delaware Board of Bar Examiners, and a board member of the Board on Professional Responsibility. Federal and state courts appointed him as a Master and Trustee to oversee complex corporate, commercial, and intellectual property cases. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Chief Justice Seitz is a trustee of the American Inns of Court and serves as a board member of Hockessin Colored School 107C – an organization dedicated to celebrating Delaware's role as one of the cases appealed in *Brown v. Board of Education*. He has led court efforts in Delaware to promote greater diversity in the Delaware Bar through the Delaware Bench and Bar Diversity Project. Under Chief Justice Seitz's leadership, major changes were made recently to the Delaware Bar Exam to make the State a more attractive and welcoming place to practice law and engage in public service.

Chief Justice Seitz received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware and his law degree from the Villanova University School of Law.



SHANA SIMMONS

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

ZENDESK

Shana is an innovative tech executive and Chief Legal Officer driving strategic, operational, and cultural transformation across entrepreneurial, high-growth businesses—from AmLaw 50 law firm Cleary Gottlieb to cloud pioneers Google and Everlaw, and now Zendesk, a global leader in AI-powered customer experience. Known for partnering with C-suite and operational leaders, Shana builds enterprise-wide frameworks that facilitate growth, enable scaling, foster innovation, and proactively manage risk while elevating legal, compliance, privacy, cybersecurity, and physical safety functions to meet evolving market demands. A passionate mentor and thought leader, she consistently raises the bar for legal excellence with a collaborative and empathetic approach. Shana has a reputation for expertise in cloud computing and generative AI, sharing insights at notable industry events and contributing widely to legal publications. Beyond her executive roles, she serves on the corporate board of HiHello, a professional presence platform, the nonprofit board of the Oakland Zoo, and as a trustee to her alma mater, Wesleyan University.



SVEIN GERHARD SIMONNAES

PARTNER

BAHR

Svein Gerhard advises management, directors and owners of Norwegian and foreign businesses on a broad range of issues and projects in Norway and abroad.

His experience spans many types of transactions and market environments in and with publicly and privately held businesses, including joint ventures, acquisitions, mergers, divestments and public securities offerings and negotiations of such transactions.



RICHARD SMITH

PARTNER

SLAUGHTER AND MAY

Richard Smith is the Co-head of the Corporate and M&A group at Slaughter and May. He has a broad multi-sectoral transactional and advisory practice.



KLAUS SØGAARD

PARTNER

GORRISSEN FEDERSPIEL

Klaus Søgaard has worked for Gorrissen Federspiel for 45 years and been a partner of the firm for 40 years. He has a legal degree from Aarhus University, Denmark and a master from University of the Pacific, California. Klaus has had a leading role in building up Gorrissen Federspiels Securities Group and M&A Group and has assisted many Danish and foreign clients in some of the largest listings, IPO's and transactions in the Danish legal market. Over the last 15 years Klaus has specialized in chairing general meetings for listed companies and he has chaired AGM's and EGM's for the largest Danish listed companies such as Novo Nordisk, Vestas, Danske Bank, Tryg, GN, FLS etc.



EMANUEL STREHLE

PARTNER

HENGELER MUELLER

Universities of Munich and Jena (Dr. iur.)

Admitted to bar 1997

Own Law firm, Munich, 1997-1999

Hengeler Mueller since 2000

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, 2002

Partner at Hengeler Mueller since 2006



NOBUHIKO SUZUKI

PARTNER

MORI HAMADA & MATSUMOTO

Nobu is based in Mori Hamada's New York office and particularly focuses on US-Japan and other Japan-related cross-border M&A, joint ventures, and venture finance transactions. He has advised private equity and venture capital firms, as well as strategic investors, from various sectors and regions. He also regularly advises non-Japanese clients on general corporate matters involving their Japanese businesses and subsidiaries.



CARINA TAN

GENERAL COUNSEL

CORSAIR GAMING, INC.

Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CORSAIR (NASDAQ:CRSR), a leading global developer and manufacturer of high-performance gear and technology for gamers, content creators, and PC enthusiasts. Prior to joining CORSAIR in 2016, Tan served as a partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton. Tan began her career at NASA as a research scientist specializing in aerodynamics and aeroelasticity. Tan received a J.D. from the University of California and holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



TAKASHI TOICHI

PARTNER

TMI ASSOCIATES

Takashi Toichi is a Partner at TMI Associates. He obtained a LL.B. from Keio University in 1998, a LL.M. from Columbia Law School as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar in 2005 and a MSc. in Finance (Master's in Finance) from London Business School in 2006, and he is qualified to practice both in Japan and the State of New York. Mr. Toichi specializes in Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity, and he has represented a wide range of clients, both business entities and private equity funds in their public and private transactions, including advising international clients on their inbound investments into Japan. In December 2020, Mr. Toichi ranked No. 6 in the M&A section of "Attorneys to Be Selected by Japanese Business Entities", in research conducted by Nikkei New Paper, and he has been highly ranked in Chambers and Partners and other international lawyers' media publications for many years. In addition, Mr. Toichi has served as an officer of the Corporate and M&A Law Committee of the International Bar Association (the "IBA") from 2013 to 2024 and as the Co-Chair and a Vice-Chair of the International M&A Joint Venture Committee of the American Bar Association's ("ABA") International Law Section since 2016.

Education: London Business School (MSc. in Finance (Master's in Finance), 2006)

Columbia Law School (LL.M., 2005) (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar)

Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan (2000)

Keio University (LL.B., 1998)

Admission: Japan (2000)/New York (2006)

Experience: TMI Associates (Partner, 2017-Present)

Anderson Mori & Tomotsune (2000-2017 (Partner, 2008-2017))

Co-Chair (September 2023-Present)/Vice-Chair (September 2016-August 2023), International M&A Joint Venture Committee, the ABA International Law Section

Officer, Corporate and M&A Law Committee, International Bar Association (January 2013-December 2024)

Adjunct Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Seikei University (April 2010-March 2012)

Languages: Japanese (native) / English (fluent)



SANDIAGA UNO

ENTREPRENEUR, FORMER MINISTER OF
TOURISM AND CREATIVE ECONOMY OF
INDONESIA

SARATOGA CAPITAL

Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno is a prominent Indonesian businessman and politician, actively involved in the country's business communities. He served as the Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia during the 2020-2024 term.

Since 2005, Sandiaga has empowered young entrepreneurs by supporting small and medium enterprises with microloans and leading several notable associations and foundations. In 2016, he founded OK OCE, a social movement focused on job creation through entrepreneurship training and mentoring.

Sandiaga joined the Gerindra Party in 2015 as a Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, bringing significant momentum to the party. He served as Jakarta's Deputy Governor in 2017, though resigned in 2018 to run as Prabowo Subianto's Vice Presidential candidate in the 2019 election. After rejoining Gerindra in 2019, Sandiaga later transitioned to the United Development Party (PPP) in June 2023.

Notable Achievements

- Recipient of the Bintang Mahaputera Utama by the President of the Republic of Indonesia (2024)
- Distinguished Research Professor in Residence at the George Washington University (2016)
- Indonesian Entrepreneur of the Year by Enterprise Asia (2008)



LAURENT VALLÉE

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Laurent Vallée is a graduate of ESSEC Business School, of the Paris Institute of Political Studies and of the ENA, France's national school of administration.

He began his career at the Conseil d'État, France's administrative Supreme Court, where he served in particular as Government Commissioner and Constitutional Advisor to the Government's Secretary General. From 2008 to 2010, Laurent Vallée was a lawyer with the Clifford Chance law firm, before being appointed Director of Civil Affairs at the Ministry of Justice in April 2010. He was then General Corporate Secretary of the Canal+ Group from 2013 to 2015. Since March 2015, he has served as Secretary General of the Conseil Constitutionnel, France's constitutional council.

On August 30, 2017, Laurent Vallée joined the Executive Management team as General Secretary of the Carrefour group.

On July 4th, 2022, he was appointed Executive Director of the Northern Europe Zone retaining his duties as General Secretary with responsibility for the Legal Department, the Public Affairs Department, the Audit Department, the Territorial Strategy, Security Department and Carrefour Partenariats International.



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Lieke is partner in the corporate group of NautaDutilh. She currently heads the financial corporate transaction team. Lieke joined NautaDutilh in 1995 and became equity partner in 2005. From 2016-2022 she headed the corporate group and from 2022-2025 she was senior partner/managing partner of the firm. Lieke focuses her practice on high end/international corporate transactions with a specific focus on the financial sector.



YU WAKAE

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Mr. Yu Wakae is a partner at Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, one of Japan's leading full-service law firms, where he currently serves as the Chief Representative of the Shanghai Office since 2014. With more than two decades of experience in cross-border legal practice, Mr. Wakae currently specializes in China-related transactions, offering strategic counsel on complex matters spanning mergers & acquisitions (M&A), corporate finance, dispute resolution, technology transfers, international trade, and general corporate compliance.

A highly accomplished legal professional, Mr. Wakae earned his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from The University of Tokyo in 2002 and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Harvard Law School in 2009.

In recent years, Mr. Wakae has played a pivotal role in transactions involving Chinese technology companies entering the Japanese market, including subsidiary formations, joint ventures, acquisitions, and regulatory compliance. He has also been instrumental in cross-border M&A deals, facilitating restructuring of China operations by Japanese companies, with a strong focus on automobile and related industries. His deep understanding of both Chinese and Japanese legal systems, as well recent trends in international relations and the businesses in both countries enables him to advise clients to navigate effectively amid changing environments.

Since 2024 and 2025, Mr. Wakae has been placed in the panels of arbitrators at the Nanjing Arbitration Commission and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) .

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Mr. Wang Kaiping is a senior corporate partner at King & Wood Mallesons. Mr. Wang focuses on domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, foreign investment in China, private equity transactions, corporate governance and general corporate law matters.

Mr. Wang was recognized by Chambers as one of China's leading lawyers in Corporate/M&A category in 2012 and one of the leading individuals in Corporate/M&A category of Greater China Region from 2022 to 2025, by Legal 500 as one of the recommended lawyers and the leading individuals in Corporate/M&A category from 2017 through 2025, by Asian Legal Business as one of 2018 Choice-of-Client Top 20 Lawyers in China. One of the joint-venture deals led by Mr. Wang was ranked as the Deal of the Year by China Business Law Journal in 2012, and one outbound-investment deal led by Mr. Wang won this laurel again in 2016.

Mr. Wang teaches a course on M&A at School of Law, University of International Business & Economics and School of Law, Tsinghua University.

Mr. Wang has written books and articles on topics relating to mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and commercial transactions.

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LIXIN WANG

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Lixin heads the corporate practice of KWM in East China, a region that accounts for 1/4 of China's total GDP. He specializes in corporate M&A and private equity. He has extensive experience in representing large MNCs and leading private equity firms in their cross-border M&A projects as well as investments in the PRC on a wide range of sectors, including automobile, energy, logistics, agriculture, pharmaceuticals and industrial products. He also regularly advises Chinese investors on their major outbound transactions.

Lixin has been continuously recommended by IFLR1000 and Legal 500 in the area of corporate/M&A. In 2020, he was recognized as one of the "Top 15 M&A Lawyers in China" by Asian Legal Business (ALB).

Lixin joined King & Wood Mallesons in 2012. Prior to that, he practiced law at the Shanghai office of a leading international law firm for many years. He also worked in-house for a Fortune 500 company in Shanghai.

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With a first degree in Economics, he began his business career with Merrill Lynch in London. After completing his PhD in Business Economics at Harvard University in 1984, he joined the Boston Consulting Group.

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In parallel, Peter has served as a non-executive director of both listed and private companies across a wide variety of industries, including: textiles; whisky; green energy; hedge funds; software; and sales training. He is currently Chairman of the fast-growing, digital process automation cloud services company Bizagi Group Inc.

Peter has also been visiting China regularly since 1983, assisting numerous multinationals, joint ventures, and Chinese companies venturing abroad.

He is the author of ten books, his latest being: *Ecosystem Edge: Sustaining Competitiveness in the Face of Disruption*. Other books include: *The Competitive Advantage of Emerging Market Multinationals*; *Dragons at Your Door*; *Winning in Asia*; and *From Global to Metanational*. His more than 60 other articles span *Academy of Management Journal*, *Strategic Management Journal*, and *Journal of Industrial Economics*, and managerial pieces such as “Ecosystem Advantage: How to successfully harness the power of partners”; “The New Mission for Multinationals”; “Accelerated Innovation”; “Strategies for Competing in a Changed China” and “Is Your Innovation Process Global?” (all in the *MIT-Sloan Management Review*) and “How China Re-Set Its Global Acquisition Agenda” and “China’s Hidden Dragons” (in *Harvard Business Review*).



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In 2016-2017, Stefan gained U.S. work experience as a visiting attorney at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York. He was ranked No. 1 in MergerLinks' 2020 list of Top M&A Lawyers in the Netherlands and is recognized as a 'Leading Individual' in the Legal 500 EMEA guide.

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MICHAEL YANG

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Prior to Shield AI, Michael was the SVP, General Counsel and Secretary at Proofpoint, a NASDAQ-listed leader in cybersecurity which sold to Thoma Bravo for \$12.3 billion in 2021. At Proofpoint for over 13 years, he led the worldwide legal and compliance functions, including teams responsible for corporate governance, intellectual property, litigation, employment, M&A, technology licensing, and compliance with data privacy, cybersecurity and AI regulations. Prior to Proofpoint, for over 6 years, he led the Corporate, Litigation and Product legal teams at VMware, an NYSE-listed leader in virtualization, which was valued at \$32 billion in 2010. Prior to VMware, he held various legal management roles at Openwave Systems/ Software.com, a NASDAQ-listed leader in mobile communications software, and MediaLive International, a technology event marketing firm. He began his legal career on the IP litigation team of BakerHostetler in Los Angeles, CA.

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