William J. Curtin, III

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Biography

Bill Curtin is the Global Head of our Mergers and Acquisitions practice.

He is recognized as a leader in the field of cross-border transactions, having been named in each of the past twelve years among the International *Who's Who of Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyers* and honored as a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer*.

Bill has significant experience working as an international lawyer practicing out of major commercial centers around the world. From 2003 until 2008, Bill was based in Paris and led the development of Hogan Lovells' operations in France. From 2008 to 2010, Bill was based in London and served as Head of Hogan Lovells' European Corporate Group. From 2010 until 2016, he served on the Global Board of Hogan Lovells while based out of the firm's Washington and New York offices.

Bill is fluent in French and has studied at the London School of Economics and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Before entering law school, Bill spent an academic year in Paris on a Fulbright Scholarship. He is a frequent commentator on the state of M&A (with recent appearances on Bloomberg, CNBC, Sky News, and in

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Languages

English
French

Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*) and lecturer on corporate law (including at the law schools of Duke University and the University of Virginia). Bill is co-author of a comprehensive article on cross-border business combination transactions, which has been cited by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as one of several authoritative sources on such transactions.

Representative experience

Representation of Dell on its US$3.05bn carve-out and sale of its IT services business, Dell Services, to NTT Data, Inc. of Japan.

Representation of Honeywell International Inc. on its US$1.5bn acquisition of Intelligrated and its approximately €425m acquisition of Transnorm.

Representation of Airbus Group in its joint venture with OneWeb, a company proposing to launch a first-in-kind constellation of satellites to provide global internet service.

Representation of Audi, BMW, and Daimler in connection with their purchase, as a consortium, of the HERE mapping business from Nokia.

Representation of Cisco Systems, Inc. in its acquisition of Assemblage, Inc. and DocumentReady ApS and in its separate acquisition of ParStream GmbH.

Representation of Corning in its acquisition of the pharmaceutical glass tubing business of Gerresheimer AG.

Representation of Gemalto N.V. in its acquisition of SafeNet, Inc. from Vector Capital.

Representation of Ford Motor Co. in its sale of Volvo Cars to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co., Ltd, and in its sale of Jaguar and Land Rover to Tata Motors Limited.

Representation of Daimler AG on its acquisition of

Financial Institutions

Life Sciences and Health Care

TMT

Areas of focus

Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint Ventures

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Shareholder Activism

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1996

A.B., Duke University, cum laude, 1992

Memberships

Regional Manager for Washington, D.C., University of Virginia Law School Annual Giving, 2000-present

Visiting Professor, L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, France, 1992-93

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

RideScout and sales of its North American Setra coach distribution business and Orion bus aftermarket parts business.

Representation of The Gores Group in its acquisition of a majority stake in Mexx International from Liz Claiborne, including formation of a joint venture between Gores and Liz Claiborne.

Representation of Colfax Fluid Handling LLC on the sale of its Fairmount Automation business to New Fairmount Automation, Inc.

Representation of British Sky Broadcasting Group plc in its +EUR1 billion strategic investment in the German pay television market.

Representation of the co-founders and senior management of The Motley Fool, Inc. in a series of restructuring and recapitalization transactions.

Awards and rankings

- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: M&A: Large Deals ($1bn+), *Legal 500 US*, 2012-2017, 2020
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Technology: Transactions, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2019
- The International Who's Who of Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyers, 2009-2020
- Mergers & Acquisitions, *New York Super Lawyers*, 2012-2015, 2018-2019
- Client Choice Awards, United States: M&A, *International Law Office*, 2012
- Dealmaker of the Year, *The American Lawyer*, 2011
- Runner-up, Partner of the Year Award, *The Lawyer*, 2009

Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
  - Restructuring a portfolio company webinar series:

District of Columbia

Maryland

Accolades

William Curtin 'gets impossible deals done' and is commended for his 'experience, creativity, availability and business understanding.'

Legal 500 US 2018

Part 2 – Distressed M&A in the U.S.

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Ford in partnering with GE Healthcare to produce ventilators for coronavirus patients in a pro bono effort
- Published Works
  - Tipping Point: COVID-19's impact on M&A *Mergermarket*
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Dell Technologies in the proposed Sale of RSA
- Media Mention
  - Deals Report: Deutsche-Commerzbank, Semiconductors, Regulations
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Quarterly Corporate / M&A Decisions Update: 2018 Q4 *Corporate and M&A Decisions Update*