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Biography

Don McGown has over 35 years of experience in International M&A and Corporate Restructuring whilst working in London, New York, Hong Kong and Brussels.

During his career, he has assisted clients in acquiring and selling companies and businesses in over 70 countries, particularly in the TMT, Industrial and Financial Institutions sectors. He has acted on a number of major M&A deals over the past two decades for clients including 21st Century Fox, News Corporation, Vodafone, ITV, AECOM, DS Smith, Cable & Wireless, TUI, Nippon Sheet Glass, BAT and BNP. Major restructuring deals include Marconi, Schefenacker, USP Hospitales, Mecom, and Quinn Group.

Don is considered a highly effective and skilled practitioner and was described as a key legal advisor to News Corporation on its abortive bid to take full control of Sky.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Don was at Allen & Overy for over 30 years, 25 as a partner.

Practices

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

TMT

Areas of focus

Shareholder Activism

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

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

Representative experience

Advising Tetra Tech Inc on its £43m acquisition of WYG plc by scheme of arrangement.

Acting for Paysafe Group plc on its £2.9bn recommended acquisition by a consortium of funds managed by Blackstone and CVC Capital Partners.

Acting for Acon Equity Management on its £165m consortium bid for APR Energy plc.

Advising 21st Century Fox on the spin off of News Corporation, its abortive bid for Sky and the disposal of its Eastern European TV and outdoor advertising interests.

Advising AECOM on many of its European, Middle East and Asian acquisitions.

Advising DS Smith as a corporate client and on its transactions since 1990, most recently on its acquisition of SCA Packaging in 2012.

Advising Emap on its breakup, C+W on its sale of Hong Kong Telecom, United Newspapers on its merger with MAI and Nippon Sheet Glass on its acquisition of Pilkington.

Advising banks and financial institutions such as Barclays, ABN Amro, SE Banken, BNP, Chase, BT Investment Management and Bank of Montreal on acquisitions and disposals.

Advising on high profile corporate restructurings including Heron International, the Maxwell private companies, Imry, Marconi, Schefenacker, Metronet, Mecom and Sepura.

Acting for Vodafone on its £144m tender offer for Cobra Automotive Technologies.

Awards and rankings

- Listed as legal expert in Corporate M&A in Legalease's Legal Expert Guide for past 10 years.

Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
    - Insolvency Reform in the UK: The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Getting the Deal Through: Automotive 2019

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., University of Southampton, 1979

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Hong Kong

Accolades

'Highly regarded'

Legal 500 2015

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA on its JV with CCBLI
- News
  - UK Law Commission says e-signatures are legally valid
- Published Works
  - Getting The Deal Through Automotive 2019 - United Kingdom
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - TMT Horizons 2019
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - TMT horizons 2018