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Practice Focus

Mergers and Acquisitions Private Equity Acquisition Finance General Corporate

Education

DePaul University College of Law, J.D Middlebury College, B.A.

Admitted

New York

Representative Experience

In her sophisticated and diverse transactional practice, Kate advises and represents closely held companies, private equity funds, and their portfolio companies and assists them in structuring and executing deals on the best possible terms and in line with their growth and investment strategies. She often acts as lead counsel in mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, divestitures, secured and unsecured financings, corporate restructurings (both in and out of bankruptcy), joint venture formations, and other strategic transactions.

Her work for private equity funds and their portfolio companies has given Kate extensive knowledge of a considerable array of industries, including telecommunications, luxury goods, media, agriculture, information technology, and early education. For some clients, Kate serves as lead outside counsel, advising on day-to-day legal concerns, commercial agreements, governance matters, and employment issues, among others. Before and during law school, Kate spent eight years with the Health Research and Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association, where she managed business development and directed funding campaigns and other strategic investment activities.

Selected representative matters include:

- Representing a private equity fund in various acquisitions, including the acquisition of a managed service provider of IT and cloud services and the acquisition of a leading provider of early education services.
- Representing private equity fund in various sales, including the sale of a talent management software company and the sale of an international sports organization.
- Representing a leading greenhouse grower and distributor in a joint venture focused on the sustainable growth, marketing, and distribution of produce.
- Represented a luxury life style brand in six international buy-back transactions of its licensing and distribution rights.
- Represented a technology-enabled eDiscovery and advisory services company in the acquisition of an international provider of consulting services and chat-processing software.
- Represented a provider of continuing education and exam-preparation courses in the acquisition of a continuing education services company targeting pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other healthcare professionals.