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Los Angeles Business Journal Names Kelly Meric and Ben Orlanski to 2026 ‘Leaders of Influence: M&A’ List

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LOS ANGELES, June 2, 2026 – Proskauer is pleased to share that partners Kelly Meric and Ben Orlanski have been named to *Los Angeles Business Journal’s* 2026 “Leaders of Influence: M&A” list, which recognizes standout professionals shaping the region’s M&A landscape.

As a partner in Proskauer’s Private Equity Transactions and Mergers & Acquisitions Groups, Kelly advises private equity sponsors, portfolio companies, and strategic clients on a variety of transactions. Her experience includes buy-side and sell-side domestic and cross-border acquisitions, carve-outs, minority investments, and joint ventures. Kelly’s practice spans a range of deal structures and sectors, and frequently involves transactions with management-owned businesses, minority ownership positions, and other multiple-stakeholder situations. Her accomplishments over the past year include advising Railbird Technologies Inc. on its sale to DraftKings Inc.; and advising Sizzling Platter, a portfolio company of CapitalSpring and its co-investor Yukon Capital Partners, on its sale to Bain Capital.

Ben is a partner in Proskauer’s Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Markets Groups. He focuses on major corporate transactions and strategically solving business challenges, guiding clients through transformative deals across California’s markets. Ben’s practice includes private equity and strategic mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, special committee, board of directors and general corporate representation, and corporate governance. His experience covers a range of industries, including technology, renewable resources, entertainment, software-as-a-service, specialty manufacturing, and consumer products. Ben’s recent successes include advising Zello Group in its acquisition of Cinelease from Herc; and advising Kinematics, a portfolio company of Angeleno Group, in its acquisition of P4Q from a Spanish private equity fund.

Read more in *Los Angeles Business Journal*: “Leaders of Influence: M&A” 2026

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Our premier M&A practice is distinguished by the combination of our transactional strength and deep sector knowledge. We are a destination firm for large-cap and middle-market deals with extensive expertise in the structural, cultural and procedural issues that are often at the center of complex, cross-border transactions. From London to New York, Paris to Los Angeles and across the globe, organizations turn to our lawyers for their most significant and transformative transactions. Our multi-disciplinary team offers actionable insights, sophisticated strategies and creative solutions that drive commercial success for our clients.

Related Professionals

- **Ben D. Orlanski**
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