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Chris Ahn is a partner in the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Group. Chris advises private equity sponsors, other investors, private and public companies and investment banks on merger & acquisition transactions, including leveraged buyouts, joint ventures, restructurings, minority investments, growth equity investments and other strategic transactions.

Chris also serves as day-to-day legal advisor to numerous operating companies, including many of the portfolio companies owned or controlled by his sponsor clients, and is actively involved in many aspects of their businesses, including add-on acquisitions and commercial arrangements. He also has deep experience with non-traditional equity transactions, including debt-like preferred equity as third party financing, equity kickers and co-investments for private credit investors and debt for equity swaps involving troubled companies.

From 2018 until 2021, Chris served as General Counsel of James Perse, a global apparel, furniture, furnishings and lifestyle brand based in Los Angeles.

Chris is an active participant in firm administration and recruiting, and currently serves as co-chair of the Hiring Committee for the Los Angeles office.

Matters

Key representative transactions include:

- Funds affiliated with The Firmament Group in various M&A transactions, including:
  - the sale of logistics software provider Envase to affiliates of WiseTech Global (ASX: WTC)
  - the acquisition of Buckeye Software, a provider of software solutions and web and app development solutions
  - the acquisition of Scanco Software, a provider of mobile warehouse, manufacturing and payment automation solutions, as well a numerous add-on transactions and investments
- Funds affiliated with VSS Capital Partners in the acquisition of Lumenci, a provider of IP consulting services
- Funds affiliated with Ascend Capital Partners in the acquisition of Allied Physicians Group, a provider of pediatric care, and Adjuvant.Health, provider of physician-led medical practice administration
- Funds affiliated with Vesey Street Capital Partners in connection with an investment in GastroMD
- Ares Capital Corporation in its acquisition of Vobev, an aluminum can manufacturer, filler and shipper, in a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process
- Collaborative Imaging, a health care technology management services organization, in a carve-out sale of its technology business to affiliates of WindRose Health Investors
- Palladium Equity Partners in connection with its multi-asset continuation fund
- Ziff Davis in connection with its investment in Xyla, an artificial intelligence company
- EO Vista, a manufacturer of electro-optical weather sensors for its satellite buses, in its sale to General Atomics
- SlamBall in its Series A financing round

- Doodles in connection with its acquisition of UK-based animation studioGolden Wolf
- Resonant Inc. (NASDAQ: RESN), a designer of radio frequency filters, in its acquisition by affiliates of Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
- Multiple sponsors in their respective acquisitions of numerous physician practice groups and other health care service providers
- Funds affiliated with Ares Management in their acquisitions of and exits from Smart & Final, Ob Hospitalist Group and Unified Physician Management
- Funds affiliated with Grey Mountain Partners in various equity investments
- Madrid-based Amadeus S.A. in its $500 million acquisition of Newmarket International
- Neiman Marcus Group in its acquisition of mytheresa.com and the THERESA luxury store in Munich
- Smart & Final as a stalking horse bidder and successful purchaser of assets formerly owned by affiliates of Haggen Holdings, LLC
- Insight Global in an investment by Leonard Green
- A strategic acquisition of VentiRx Pharmaceuticals
- Smart & Final in its $185 million initial public offering and subsequent follow-on offering
- General Nutrition Centers (GNC) in its $414 million initial public offering and three subsequent follow-on offerings
- Selling stockholders in public equity offerings for Douglas Dynamics, Spark Networks and Air Lease Corporation
- Threadlock Precision on the acquisition of Kremin Inc. to expand its U.S. aerospace and defense precision manufacturing network
- Threadlock Precision on the acquisition of J&F Machine to expand its U.S. aerospace and defense precision manufacturing network
- Oakley Capital on the investment in the luxury brand James Perse

Practices

Private Equity Transactions, Special Situations, Mergers & Acquisitions, Capital Markets, Restructuring

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Private Equity

Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

magna cum laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions & Qualifications

California

Memberships

Co- Director, Community Legal Outreach, Berkeley, Ca, May 2006 -

Member, Community Legal Outreach, Berkeley, Ca, August 2005 -

Awards & Recognition

The Legal 500 US M&A/Corporate and Commercial: M&A: Large Deals ($1bn+) 2023

The Legal 500 United States: M&A Corporate & Commercial: Private Equity Buyouts 2024-2025

The Legal 500 United States: M&A Corporate & Commercial: Private Equity Buyouts: M&A Middle Market (Up to $500M) 2025