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Michael Callahan is a partner in the Corporate Department, and a member of the Private Equity and Mergers & Acquisitions Groups. Michael has spent his entire career at Proskauer and focuses primarily on representing strategic companies and private equity sponsors in mergers and acquisitions, including auctions and privately negotiated transactions, growth equity financings, co-investments, joint ventures and other strategic transactions.

He also serves as day-to-day legal advisor to many of his clients and for the portfolio companies owned or controlled by his sponsor clients and is actively involved in many aspects of their businesses, including add-on acquisitions, commercial arrangements, debt and equity financings, recapitalizations and executive compensation matters. In addition, Michael 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.

Michael has handled transactions for clients in a wide range of industries, including healthcare, life sciences, technology, financial services, sports, media, marketing, education and business services.

Matters

Representative engagements include:

- Markit Group Limited in a number of acquisitions, including MarkitSERV, DTCC's Corporate Actions Validation Service, Quantitative Services Group LLC and Communicator Inc.
- Lagardère Unlimited in its acquisition of Gaylord Sports Marketing
- Veronis Suhler Stevenson and its portfolio companies in numerous acquisitions, including Brand Connections and Advanstar Communications, Inc.
- Private equity funds sponsored by JPMorgan Asset Management in numerous equity investments, including investments in Twitter, LivingSocial, Conduit Ltd., CardioDX and LeftHand Networks
- Management buyout of Neuberger Berman from Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.
- Solera Capital in its acquisitions of Calypso St. Barth and Yolo Colorhouse
- Solera Capital in the sale of its portfolio company, The Littlie Clinic, to The Kroger Co.
- Learfield Communications Inc. in its sale to Shamrock Capital
- Henry Schein, Inc. in a number of acquisitions
- The National Basketball Association in the sales of the New Jersey Nets, the Atlanta Hawks, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Phoenix Suns and the Oklahoma Thunder (f/k/a the Seattle Supersonics)
- The National Hockey League in the sale of the Atlanta Thrashers
- Rosetta Marketing Group in its acquisition of Level Studios
- Rosetta Marketing Group's executive team in Rosetta's sale to Publicis
- MarketAxess Holdings Inc. in its acquisition of Greenline Technologies, Inc.

Health Care Regulatory Compliance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity Transactions, Special Situations, Hybrid Capital

Industries

Asset Management, Health Care, Life Sciences, Private Capital, Private Equity, Sports

Education

Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, J.D.
With Honors
Order of the Coif
Managing Development Editor and Staff Member, *Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal*
Drew University, B.A.
magna cum laude

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Awards & Recognition

Best Lawyers in America 2020-2023