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Peter G. Samuels is a partner in the Corporate Department, and has previously served as co-head of the Firm's Mergers & Acquisitions Group. Peter handles mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, cross-border transactions, change of control transactions, minority investments and other complex transactions. He regularly advises Boards of Directors, management and shareholders on their most difficult and demanding issues and transactions.

Peter has been featured as the "Dealmaker in the Spotlight" by the *American Lawyer*. He is a frequent lecturer on a wide variety of legal topics, and has acted as chair and member of panels for the Practising Law Institute, University of Pennsylvania Law School, the Wharton School, the European American Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Corporate Counsel, and other sponsors. He plays a leading role with respect to Proskauer's pro bono initiatives relating to various criminal justice programs, including reform of New York's pretrial release and bail systems and other efforts to reduce incarceration. He serves on the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform, which has played a leading role in the city's ongoing efforts to close its Rikers Island jails. He is a member of the Board of Directors of The Fedcap Group, a large multi-faceted not-for-profit, with programs relating to workforce development, education and economic development, where he is involved in many programs, including Fedcap's initiative

to reduce the number of women detained in Rikers Island through a holistic combination of social service programs. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Argus Community Inc., a not-for-profit housing a number of high quality and innovative drug treatment and similar programs.

## Matters

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### Illustrative transactions led by Peter include:

- Grifols S.A.'s pending \$1.9 billion strategic alliance with Shanghai RAAS Blood Products Co., Ltd., China's leading blood plasma company, pursuant to which Grifols will exchange a minority interest in its Grifols Diagnostic subsidiary for a 26.2% stake in Shanghai RAAS
- Grifols \$1.85 billion acquisition of Hologic, Inc.'s donor screening business
- Bed Bath & Beyond in its \$580 million acquisition of the Cost Plus, Inc. retail chain
- Various Bed Bath retail and other private company acquisitions, including the acquisition of buybuy Baby, Christmas Tree Shops, Harmons, Harbor Linens, Of a Kind, and Chef Central
- Neuberger Berman in its repurchase of Lehman Brothers' approximately \$1.5 billion stake in Neuberger, the world's largest asset management M&A transaction during the year in which it was commenced. The transaction followed our representation during the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy regarding Neuberger's proposed sale to private equity buyers and subsequent complex management buyout
- Grifols S.A.'s \$1.7 billion acquisition of Novartis's worldwide transfusion diagnostics business
- Grifols in various collaboration and equity investment transactions, including transactions with Aradigm Corporation, Alkahest, Inc., Singulex, Inc., Interstate Blood Bank, Inc., Access Biologicals, L.L.C., and Medkeeper
- Grifols' \$4 billion acquisition of Talecris Biotherapeutics. Described as the world's largest leveraged buyout since the financial crisis, the transaction was

highlighted as a Private Equity Deal of the Year by *The Deal* magazine and featured by the *Financial Times* in its inclusion of Proskauer in its list of most innovative U.S. law firms

#### Practices

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Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity Transactions

#### Industries

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Asset Management , Private Equity

#### Market Solutions

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Corporate Governance

#### Education

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Harvard Law School, J.D., 1974

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Columbia University, Columbia College, B.A., 1971

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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New York

#### Memberships

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New York City Bar (Mergers & Acquisitions Committee)

#### Awards & Recognition

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