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Simon Sharpe is a partner and a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Group.

Simon represents public and private companies and private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies in domestic and cross border merger & acquisition transactions, including leveraged buyouts, joint ventures, restructurings, minority and growth equity investments and other strategic transactions. Simon has extensive experience with corporate carveouts, GP-led secondary transactions, bankruptcy sales, and recapitalizations, and frequently counsels clients on a variety of securities law, corporate governance, commercial and strategic matters.

Prior to joining Proskauer, Simon worked in investment banking at a leading Canadian bank, and in litigation at the Canadian securities regulator.

In 2019, Simon was named a “Rising Star” in mergers & acquisitions by New York Super Lawyers.

Matters

Representative Transactions

- Arkema (Euronext: AKE), a global leader in specialty materials, in multiple cross-border acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures, including the acquisition of Dow's global laminating adhesives business, the acquisition of Ashland Global Holdings Inc.'s performance adhesives business, the acquisition of ArrMaz from Golden Gate Capital, a long-term partnership with Nutrien Ltd., the acquisition of Dow's global acrylic acid and esters business, a joint venture with Barrday Inc. and the sale of Arkema's global tin stabilizer business to PMC Group
- Church & Dwight (NYSE:CHD) in multiple acquisitions, investments and divestitures, including its acquisitions of the Miss Mouth's Messy Eater brand, Touchland, Hero Cosmetics (Mighty Patch), TheraBreath, Matrixx Initiatives (Zicam), WaterPik, Avid Health (L'il Critters & Vitafusion), Spencer Forrest (Toppik), Viviscal Limited, Varied Industries Corp., certain brands from Lil' Drug Store Products, and a global brand portfolio from Johnson & Johnson, and the carveout and sale of its food safety business and its vitamins, minerals and supplements business
- Warner Bros. Discovery (NASDAQ:WBD) in multiple acquisitions, investments and strategic transactions, including the establishment of Group Nine Media, which included the mergers of Thrillist Media Group, NowThis Media and The Dodo, a $100 million minority investment, the contribution of Seeker and SourceFed Studios and Group Nine's acquisition of PopSugar
- IHS Markit, a global provider of financial information and services, in multiple acquisitions and other strategic transactions, including its acquisitions of Prism Valuation and Wall Street On Demand and its kyc.com joint venture with Genpact
- Mosaic Dental Collective, a leading dental services organization (DSO) supporting dental offices in California and Washington, in its sale to Audax Private Equity
- Buyers, lenders and debtors in restructurings, bankruptcy sales and other special situations, including:

- A lender group comprised of KKR, Ares and BlackRock in the restructuring of Kellermeyer Bergensons Services
- Mission Broadcasting, Inc. (an owner-operator of ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox affiliates across the U.S.) in its acquisition, through a credit bid of its secured debt claims pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, of the assets of Marshall Broadcasting Group, Inc., consisting of Fox affiliate television broadcast stations in Louisiana, Texas and Iowa
- Essar Global in its acquisition of notes and other assets from, and its settlement of certain claims with, Indian banks (led by ICICI Bank and the State Bank of India) and a consortium of hedge funds (led by Davidson Kempner)
- KPS Capital Partners LP in its acquisition of the assets of Furniture Brands International Inc. in a bankruptcy sale
- Gas City, Ltd. as debtor in its sale of station assets to multiple strategic buyers in a bankruptcy sale

- Race Roster, a leading race registration platform, in its sale to ASICS Corporation
- The Greater New York Hospital Association in its sale of Innovatix and Essensa Ventures to Premier (NASDAQ: PINC)
- RCS Capital and AR Capital in the sale of their wholesale distribution and asset management businesses to Apollo Global Management (subsequently withdrawn) and minority equity investments by Apollo Global Management and Luxor Capital in RCS Capital
- St. George's University, the leading Caribbean medical school, in a control-stake transaction with an investor group led by Canadian private equity firm Altas Partners and Baring Private Equity Asia
- Corinthian Capital Group and its portfolio companies in multiple transactions, including the acquisition of Alumacraft, the restructuring of Precision Motor Transport Group and the sale of Audio & Video Labs to an affiliate of The Stephens Group

- Funds and companies in a number of co-investments and venture and growth equity investments, including investments by Ardian, JPMorgan Asset Management, Institutional Venture Partners, RRE Ventures and Woodford Investment Management, and Edgewater Markets in a growth equity investment led by FTV Capital
- Massey Knakal, a diversified real estate services provider, in its sale to Cushman & Wakefield
- Ares Management in its successful tender offer for Sotera Defense Solutions and other transactions
- Borrowers and lenders in debt financings and equity co-investments, including Golub Capital in its investment in MyWebGrocer and JPMorgan Chase in a $450 million senior secured credit facility to fund the acquisition of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field

Practices

Special Situations, Private Equity Transactions, Mergers & Acquisitions

Industries

Private Equity, Private Capital, Asset Management

Education

McGill University, LL.B.
With Distinction
McGill University, B.C.L.
University of Western Ontario, H.B.A.
With Distinction
Ivey Scholar

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Awards & Recognition

New York Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" 2019