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Biography

Richard Aftanas is Head of the firm's Corporate and Finance practice in New York. Clients rely on Richard as a trusted advisor for strategic legal advice in a wide variety of public and private finance transactions, including initial public offerings and other public and private equity securities offerings, as well as high yield and investment-grade debt offerings.

Richard also advises U.S. and international clients with respect to corporate and securities law matters, as well as business combinations, spin-offs, debt tender offers, exchange offers, and other refinancing transactions. In addition, he regularly advises publicly traded corporations and their executive officers and directors on corporate governance, SEC compliance, and disclosure matters.

Richard has been recognized as a leading capital markets lawyer by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers Global*, *The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, *IFLR1000*, and *The Legal 500 United States*. He was a winner of the 2013 International Law Office Client Choice Awards, which recognize partners who excel across the full spectrum of client service, and he was named a "Client Service All-Star" by the *BTI Consulting Group* in its 2015 Client Service All-Stars report.

Representative experience



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Practices

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Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

Private Capital

Financial Institutions

Manufacturing and Industrials

Education and admissions

ADVA Optical Networking SE on its pending merger with ADTRAN Inc.

EFIC1, a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), in its €1.3bn merger with Dutch tech firm Azerion.

Hut 8 Mining Corp., a Canadian cryptocurrency mining company, on its US\$82m U.S. IPO and a US\$173m follow-on equity offering.

Acadia Healthcare Co. Inc. in its private placement of US\$475m senior notes.

Neiman Marcus Group Inc. in a comprehensive refinancing and recapitalization transaction, as well as an offering of US\$550m of new second-lien notes.*

Amcor Ltd. in its US\$6.8bn acquisition of Bemis Co.*

Staples Inc. on its US\$2bn secured high-yield notes offering and US\$1bn unsecured high-yield notes offering as part of a dividend recapitalization transaction.*

Huntsman International LLC in a US\$750m offering of senior notes.*

Windstream Holdings Inc. and its subsidiaries in liability management transactions, litigation related to alleged indenture covenant breaches, and their Chapter 11 cases.*

Tronox Limited in connection with its redomestication from Australia to the United Kingdom and a US\$600m senior notes offering.*

Marriott Vacations Worldwide in an aggregate of US\$1.6bn high yield offerings and a US\$350m exchange offer in connection with its acquisition of ILG Inc.*

Sycamore Partners in a US\$1bn high yield offering to finance the acquisition of Staples Inc.*

Swift Transportation in its US\$6bn stock-for-stock merger with Knight Transportation.*

Huntsman Corp. in its proposed US\$20bn merger of equals with Clariant Ltd.*

Education

LL.B., McGill University Faculty of Law, 1994

B.A., University of Manitoba, 1991

Bar admissions and qualifications

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Micro Focus International PLC in its US\$8.8bn "Reverse Morris Trust" acquisition of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.'s software business.*

Accenture in connection with the IPO of Duck Creek Technologies.*

Moelis & Company in its IPO, which valued the company at approximately US\$1.36bn.*

Acorda Therapeutics in its US\$363m acquisition of Finnish company Biotie Therapies.*

Exelon Corp. in its notes offerings with total proceeds aggregating US\$4.2bn.*

Cerberus Capital Management in a US\$435m PIPE investment in Avon.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2020-2022
- Finance: Capital Markets: Equity Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2020-2022
- Finance: Capital Markets: Global Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2022
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Corporate Governance, *Legal 500 US*, 2021
- Finance: Capital Markets: High-Yield, *Legal 500 US*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - SEC rule amendments to require electronic submission of Form 144 filings and "glossy" annual reports
- News
 - SEC proposes expansive climate-related disclosure rules
- News
 - SEC proposes significant new cybersecurity disclosure requirements

- News
 - SEC proposes climate-related disclosure rules
- News
 - SEC proposes modernization of beneficial ownership reporting rules under Exchange Act Section 13
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Ad Hoc Group on restructuring of Yestar Notes