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Partner

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Biography

Les Reese counsels both public and private companies on issues that arise in securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, securities law compliance, and corporate governance matters.

He also advises clients in corporate transactions ranging from venture financings and private placements to public offerings. By handling a range of transactions, Les is able to advise companies and investors across the business lifecycle.

Les has substantial experience representing real estate investment trusts (REITs) and financial institutions and also represents clients in a variety of other industries, including aerospace, defense and government services; life sciences and health care; and technology, media, and telecommunications.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Les was an associate at another leading international law firm, where he advised clients on cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and public and private financings. Prior to attending law school, Les served as an officer in the United States Army, where, in addition to learning how to fly, he learned the importance of service and of getting things right the first time.

Representative experience

Orbital Sciences Corporation in its US\$9.2bn acquisition by Northrop Grumman Corporation.



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Practices

Capital Markets
Mergers and Acquisitions
Corporate Governance and
Public Company Representation
Financial Services
Securities and Public Company
Advisory
REITs

Industries

Financial Institutions
Real Estate
Aerospace and Defense
Technology and Telecoms

RLJ Lodging Trust in its US\$4.2bn acquisition of FelCor Lodging Trust Incorporated.

SB One Bancorp in its acquisition of Enterprise Bank, N.J.

Greater Hudson Bank in its acquisition by ConnectOne Bancorp.

Landmark Apartment Trust, Inc. in its US\$1.9bn acquisition by an affiliate of Starwood Capital Group and Milestone Apartments REIT.

Orbital Sciences Corporation in its US\$4.5bn merger with the aerospace and defense groups of Alliant Techsystems Inc.

Colonial Properties Trust in its US\$8.6bn merger with Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc.

Cross Match Technologies, Inc. in its US\$215m acquisition by Francisco Partners.

International Finance Corporation (IFC) in venture capital financings of emerging clean energy and technology.

Anthem, Inc. in more than US\$13bn in debt securities offerings.

Colony Financial, Inc. in more than US\$600m in convertible debt offerings.

Tesaro, Inc. in its US\$200m convertible notes offering.

Vivus, Inc. in its US\$250m convertible notes offering.

Underwriters in respect of multiple registered equity and debt offerings.

Awards and rankings

- Capital Markets: Equity, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- M&A, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - SEC enforcement targets beneficial

Areas of focus

- Raising Debt Capital
 - Raising Equity Capital
 - Convertible Debt Offerings
 - Initial Public Offerings
 - High Yield
 - Hotels and Leisure
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Education and admissions

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, cum laude, 2008
 - B.S., United States Military Academy at West Point, 1996
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Bar admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
 - New York
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ownership reporting violations

- News
 - SEC brings Regulation FD enforcement action for selective disclosure via social media
- News
 - Mandatory compliance nears for remaining Section 13 reporting requirements
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises MorphoSys on its delisting from the stock exchange and the public delisting tender offer by Novartis
- News
 - Highlights of new SEC rules on climate-related disclosures
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Nareit's REITwise: 2024 Law, Accounting & Finance Conference