

## Leslie (Les) B. Reese, III

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### 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

Represented 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

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### Industries

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Aerospace and Defense

Technology and Telecoms

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

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

Represented Greater Hudson Bank in its acquisition by ConnectOne Bancorp.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Represented 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

## 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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- News
  - SEC rule amendments require proxy disclosure of executive pay versus performance
- 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