

Eli Mekonen

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Biography

Elias "Eli" Mekonen leverages his interdisciplinary experience to tackle the corporate legal challenges our clients face.

With a practice focused on mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactional matters, he advises public and private companies at various stages spanning the corporate life cycle. He began his Hogan Lovells career as a summer associate, first in 2018 and again in 2019.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Eli gained legal experience working in the legal department of a Fortune 100 global bank, an international law firm in New York City, and the Supreme Court of Virginia. While in law school, Eli served as the Executive Editor of the *Virginia Journal of Law and Technology*. He was a general body member of the Black Law Students Association and the Virginia Law and Business Society. His broad experience enables him to advise our clients in a practical and business-oriented manner.

Eli is an advocate for historically-marginalized members of society and maintains an active pro bono practice. His recent pro bono efforts include representing a mother of three in connection with a housing conditions matter, screening cases for the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, and drafting the privacy policy for a Washington, D.C.-based mental health clinic.



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Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions

Joint Ventures

Industries

Sports, Media and Entertainment

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Sports

Media and Entertainment

Education and admissions

Education

Representative experience

The Walton-Penner family on the acquisition of the Denver Broncos, reportedly the highest valuation ever paid for a sports franchise.

Labcorp on the acquisition of Personal Genome Diagnostics Inc., a provider of comprehensive liquid biopsy and tissue-based genomic products and services.

IBM on the global separation and reorganization of Kyndryl Holdings, Inc., its managed infrastructure services business, prior to the spin-off of Kyndryl into a separate publicly traded company.

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advised Saint-Gobain on entering into an exclusive negotiation process for the sale of its worldwide Crystals and Detectors business
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Labcorp on US\$575 million acquisition of Personal Genome Diagnostics
- Analysis
 - An overview of contracts, negotiation, and enforcement in the United States

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2020

B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University, cum laude, 2017

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia
