

Michael J. Silver

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Biography

Michael Silver is among the firm's most experienced and accomplished corporate lawyers. In over 40 years of practice, Michael has handled everything from initial public offerings (IPOs) to large-scale public mergers and acquisitions (M&A) for clients in many industries.

Currently Michael advises on M&A, capital markets, and corporate governance for clients in the life sciences; manufacturing; technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT); and business services areas, but he has extensive experience in the insurance industry as well. He has adapted his skills and approach to practice as the legal landscape has evolved, while maintaining a consistent focus on outstanding and timely client service.

Michael is also a leader in the firm. He was elected in consecutive terms on the Global Board of Hogan Lovells, and for many years he led its New York Corporate Practice Group.

Michael has been consistently ranked in the highest tiers of corporate lawyers in every year of publication of *Chambers'* guides to U.S. lawyers, and in other major legal directories.

Representative experience

Public acquisition of Cyan Inc. by Ciena Corp. for cash and stock in 2015, valued at over US\$300m.

Public acquisition of Covance Corp. by LabCorp for



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Practices

Capital Markets

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Corporate Governance and Public
Company Representation

Securities and Public Company
Advisory

Industries

Insurance

Life Sciences and Health Care

Technology and Telecoms

Manufacturing and Industrials

cash and stock in 2015 valued at US\$6bn, and related debt financing transactions.

Acquisition of Parsons Brinkerhoff by WSP Global in 2014 for over US\$1bn in cash.

Public sale of Martek Biosciences Corp. to Royal DSM.

Take Private sale of American Commercial Lines to Platinum Equity.

Acquisition of Walker Industries by Wabash National Corp.

Over US\$4bn in senior notes offerings for LabCorp.

IPO of Colfax Corp.

Awards and rankings

- Corporate/M&A (Maryland), *Chambers USA*, 2004-2022
- Acritas Star: M&A, Regulatory, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2017-2020
- Capital Markets: Equity, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- M&A, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Private Equity, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Corporate Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2019
- Securities / Capital Markets Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2019
- BTI Client Service All-Star, *BTI Consulting Group*, 2016-2017
- Baltimore Securities / Capital Markets Law Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*, 2017
- Global M&A Lawyer of the Year, 2014
- Winner of ILO Client Choice Award for Maryland - General Corporate, *ILO Client Choice Guide*, 2014
- Finance: Capital Markets: Equity Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2014
- Maryland Super Lawyers, 2007-2013
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts, *Legal 500 US*,

Areas of focus

Raising Equity Capital

Initial Public Offerings

Emerging Companies

Disclosure and Reporting Obligations

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., The University of Chicago Law School, 1980

A.B., Harvard University, magna cum laude, 1977

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Maryland

District of Columbia

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - SEC amends large shareholder reporting rules
- News
 - SEC adopts significant new cybersecurity disclosure requirements
- News
 - Looking ahead to expanded share repurchase disclosure
- News
 - SEC adopts major Rule 10b5-1 amendments and disclosure requirements relating to securities transactions
- 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