

Jane Ross

Office Managing Partner
Silicon Valley

Biography

Jane Ross represents buyers and sellers of public and private companies across many industries, with a focus on the technology and life sciences sectors.

Jane has handled multibillion-dollar transactions for many of Silicon Valley's most recognizable industry-leading technology companies, as well as major global companies in the areas of life sciences and digital health. Her practice includes domestic and cross-border M&A and complex joint venture transactions.

Jane was named "Best in Mergers and Acquisitions" by *Euromoney's* Women in Business Law Awards in 2015, and *The Legal 500* recognizes her as a standout in Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts, describing her as "a wonderful M&A lawyer" who is "a pragmatic straight-shooter, cost effective, and driven to achieve great results for her clients."

Among her many accolades, *Expert Guides* recognized her as an "expert" in M&A by "Women in Business Law" in 2022. *California Lawyer* magazine also recognized her as one of its 2012 "California Attorneys of the Year," and *IFLR1000* has also named her as a "Highly regarded" lawyer for M&A and technology and telecommunications in the U.S. for 2023. Jane was also included in the *Daily Journal's* prestigious list of the Top 100 Lawyers in California in 2020.

Representative experience



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Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions

Corporate Governance and Public
Company Representation

Joint Ventures

Securities and Public Company
Advisory

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

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

Cross-border Mergers and
Acquisitions

Walmart on several acquisitions, including its pending US\$2.3bn acquisition of VIZIO and its US\$16bn acquisition of a majority stake in Flipkart

Salesforce on multiple transactions, including its pending US\$1.9bn acquisition of Own Company and its acquisitions of Datorama and Bonobo AI

Intel on the sale of minority interests in its IMS Nanofabrication GmbH business, valued at US\$4.3bn, to Bain Capital, TSMC and Jeol Ltd.

Intel Corporation on several acquisitions, including its US\$15.4bn acquisition of Altera* and its US\$900m acquisition of Moovit

Adobe on multiple transactions, including its US\$4.75bn acquisition of Marketo and its US\$1.68bn acquisition of Magento Commerce

eBay on multiple transactions, including its US\$2.4bn acquisition and subsequent sale of GSI Commerce* and its acquisition of Giosis Pte Ltd's Japanese ecommerce business, including the Qoo10 platform

Gilead on multiple transactions, including its approximate US\$1.4bn acquisition of CV Therapeutics and its US\$600m acquisition of Calistoga Pharmaceuticals*

Jazz Pharmaceuticals' US\$1bn acquisition of Gentium S.p.A.*

Meta / Facebook on multiple transactions, including its US\$16bn acquisition of WhatsApp* and its US\$5.7bn investment in Jio Platforms Limited in India

Novartis on its acquisition of Amblyotech

PayPal on multiple transaction, including its acquisition and subsequent sale of Happy Returns and its acquisition of Chargehound

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Corporate/M&A: The Elite (California – SF/SV & surrounding areas), Band 2, *Chambers USA*, 2020-

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., McGill University, with distinction, 1997

B.C.L., McGill University, with distinction, 1997

B.Com., McGill University, 1993

Bar admissions and qualifications

California

Quebec

Accolades

"She wows everyone with her intellectual horsepower and can anticipate what I'm thinking. She's one of the finest technical lawyers I've ever worked with. She has remarkable talent."

Chambers USA

"A wonderful M&A lawyer... a pragmatic straight-shooter, cost effective and driven to achieve great results for her clients."

Legal 500

2024

- Corporate/M&A (International & Cross-Border) – USA, Band 2, *Chambers Global*, 2021-2024
- Corporate/M&A (Northern California), *Chambers USA*, 2012-2019
- USA Thought Leader, M&A, *Who's Who Legal*, 2023
- Global Leader: M&A, *Who's Who Legal*, 2023
- M&A, Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 2023
- Technology and Telecommunications, Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 2023
- Expert in M&A, *Expert Guides' Women in Business Law*, 2022
- Top 100 Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2012-2015, 2018-2020
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Large Deals (\$1bn+), *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2019
- Healthcare: Life Sciences, *Legal 500 US*, 2018
- Top Women Lawyers, *Daily Journal*, 2011-2016
- Top Women Leaders in Tech Law, *The Recorder*, 2014-2016
- Best in M&A, *International Financial Law Review*, 2015
- Best in Mergers and Acquisitions, *Euromoney's Women in Business Law Awards*, 2015

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Silicon Valley M&A Forum
- Awards & rankings
 - Hogan Lovells' Northern California offices named Bay Area Top Places to work by the San Francisco Chronicle
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - M&A Boot Camp training series
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- Media mention
 - Partners Rick Climan, Global Head of Tech M&A, Jane Ross, Office Managing Partner of the Silicon Valley office, and Katherine Keeley are leading the Hogan Lovells team in advising Walmart in its multi-billion dollar acquisition of VIZIO