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Biography

Will Yavinsky focuses his corporate practice on U.S. and international business transactions. He represents strategic companies, financial sponsors, and other investors on domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, partnerships, and strategic alliances.

Will is Co-Head of our global Automotive Industry Sector Group, which is consistently recognized for excellence including by *Law360* as Transportation Practice Group of the Year (2019, 2020) and by *Chambers USA* as the only Band 1 firm in the Transportation: Road (Automotive) category (2021).

While a senior associate, Will was seconded to a U.S.-based industrial sector client. As an in-house lawyer, he worked as a member of the legal teams supporting M&A, commercial and intellectual property development, as well as licensing matters, to mitigate legal risk and provide practical solutions to protect the company's interests.

Will helps design and implement legal project management tools and techniques to deliver client service effectively and efficiently. He also lectures annually on corporate law at Duke University Law School. While in law school at Georgetown University Law Center, Will worked on cross-border legal matters as a law clerk for a leading Argentine law firm in Buenos Aires.



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Languages

English

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Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions

Corporate Governance and Public
Company Representation

Private Equity

Commercial

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Technology and Telecoms

Will's pro bono legal services and community engagement include advice and support in the areas of the arts, child development and education, housing and community development, immigrant and refugee matters, and veterans support organizations.

Representative experience

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.

Dell Technologies Inc. on the sale of the global RSA business to a consortium led by Symphony Technology Group, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, and AlpInvest Partners for US\$2.075bn.

TRATON SE, a subsidiary of Volkswagen and global manufacturer of commercial vehicles, on its strategic equity investment in TuSimple, a leading developer of autonomous trucks and related technology.

A privately held, international telecommunications service and infrastructure company in a variety of acquisitions, commercial arrangements, and public procurement matters.

Dell Technologies Inc. on the sale of its information technology services business to NTT DATA for US\$3.055bn and on its acquisition of DataFrameworks.

Primetals Technologies and shareholder Mitsubishi Heavy Industries on the acquisition of ABP Induction Systems, manufacturer and servicer of induction furnaces and heating systems.

Aéroports de Paris on its acquisition of aviation consulting firm Merchant Aviation LLC.

Arlington Industries Group, a portfolio company of Cartesian Capital Group, on its acquisition of the Wahler Thermostat business from BorgWarner.

Auto parts maker Affinia Group in its global brake, chassis, and filtration businesses sales for total enterprise value over US\$1.5bn.

Energy and Natural Resources

Diversified Industrials

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2008

A.B., Duke University, magna cum laude, 2005

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

Corning in its acquisition of the pharmaceutical glass tubing business of Gerresheimer AG.

Airbus Defense and Space in the sale of its thermal management systems subsidiary Fairchild Controls Corporation to Triumph Group.

Gemalto N.V. in its acquisition of SafeNet, Inc., a worldwide leader in data protection and software monetization, for US\$890m.

Amplimmune, Inc., a biologics company developing cancer therapies, in its sale to AstraZeneca and MedImmune for up to US\$500m.

Ford Motor Company in its sales of Volvo Cars to Geely for US\$1.8bn, and Jaguar and Land Rover to Tata Motors for US\$2.3bn.

One of the largest European-based aerospace companies in acquiring a provider of advanced air traffic management products and services.

Office Depot, Inc. in the sale of a 50% interest in Latin American joint venture Office Depot Mexico to Grupo Gigante for US\$690m.

A private equity fund in its acquisition of a global components and accessories supplier of the gaming, amusement, and industrial markets.

The Gores Group in its acquisition of a majority stake in Mexx International from Liz Claiborne and forming a related joint venture.

A global auto original equipment manufacturer in commercial and supply arrangements, including for captive dealer and vehicle financing.

Awards and rankings

- Transport: Rail and Road – Litigation and Regulation, Recommended, *Legal 500 U.S.*, 2021

Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
 - IFLR Americas Awards recognize Hogan Lovells for work on 'Project Finance Deal of the Year'

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Saint-Gobain on the acquisition of Monofrax
- Insights
 - Mobility and Transportation Newsletter | April 2022
- Insights
 - Watch our webinar: Carve outs, Divestments and Spin-Offs – How to Sell Businesses and Assets
- Webinar
 - Carve outs, Divestments and Spin-Offs – How to Sell Businesses and Assets
- Insights
 - Mobility and Transportation Newsletter | December 2021