

## William W. Yavinsky

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### 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 and Mobility sector, which is consistently recognized for excellence including recently by *Law360* as Transportation Practice Group of the Year and by *Chambers USA* as the only Band 1 firm in the Transportation: Road (Automotive) category since its inception.

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.

Will's pro bono legal services and community



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### Languages

English  
Spanish

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### Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions  
Corporate Governance and Public  
Company Representation  
Private Equity  
Commercial

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense  
Automotive and Mobility  
Technology and Telecoms  
Energy and Natural Resources

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 acquisition of Manta Software, Inc., a global provider of data lineage services that allow enterprises to better understand their data and its origin sources.

Saint-Gobain on the sale of its Crystals and Detectors business to a consortium led by SK Capital Partners and Edgewater Capital Partners, and on the acquisition of U.S. refractory producer Monofrax.

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.

Ruder Finn, a global communications and creative agency, on several acquisitions of communications and marketing firms.

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

Manufacturing and Industrials

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## 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

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

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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.

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.

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

A global automotive 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

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  - MOVE Sectors DEI Newsletter | October 2023
- Press releases
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