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Mike focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions for companies across a broad range of industries, as well as privacy and data security.



"As a corporate lawyer, I have many jobs: negotiator, drafter, researcher, facilitator, and communicator, among others. My most important job, however, is to add demonstrable value to each and every transaction."

BIOGRAPHY

Mike represents buyers and sellers in mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures. He also counsels clients on a variety of privacy and information security matters, including HIPAA compliance and data breach prevention and responses. Additionally, Mike advises clients on a broad range of corporate and securities matters, including corporate reorganizations and restructurings, commercial contracts, corporate governance, the formation and maintenance of business entities, and securities offerings.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS & TRANSACTIONS

- Represented a gene therapy company in a Series A Preferred Stock offering
- Represented seller in a strategic investment in a mortgage lending company
- Represented a vaccine developer in a Series B Preferred Stock offering
- Represented a multi-national corporation in a \$750 million private placement and exchange offer of corporate debt
- Represented borrower in a \$8.25 million mezzanine debt financing transaction of a global footwear supplier

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

- Represented acquirer in a \$176 million acquisitive merger with an insurance and bonding company
- Represented buyer in a \$142.5 million equity purchase of a building products company
- Represented seller in an \$18.5 million asset sale and equity rollover of a strategic communications agency
- Represented buyer in the acquisition of a North American Soccer League franchise
- Represented a biopharmaceutical company as purchaser in a \$160 million strategic acquisition
- Represented seller in a \$110 million strategic acquisition of a consumer electronics company
- Represented seller in a \$21 million asset sale of a sporting goods manufacturer
- Represented seller in a \$5.8 million asset sale of an industrial machinery and equipment wholesaler
- Represented seller in a \$29.6 million strategic acquisition of a medical practice
- Represented a venture capital fund as purchaser in a series of emerging technology-related strategic investments totaling in excess of \$20 million

OUTSIDE GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

• Review, draft and negotiate various agreements, including, among others, consulting agreements, fractional ownership agreements for corporate aircraft, limited liability company operating agreements, shareholder agreements and stock and asset purchase agreements

DATA PRIVACY & INFORMATION SECURITY

• Recently filed an <u>amicus brief</u> in U.S. v. Microsoft before the Supreme Court of the United States on behalf of five European business organizations that represent the interests of several million commercial enterprises

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LICENSING

• Represented pharmaceutical company in a worldwide license to a global pharmaceutical company of a biomarker for the risk of Alzheimer's Disease

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2004, *cum laude* University of Utah, B.S., 2001, *cum laude* Ravenscroft School, 1997

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America (Mergers & Acquisitions Law) 2024-2025; (Business Organizations) 2025 Order of the Coif Comments Editor, *North Carolina Law Review* Phi Kappa Phi Ranked among *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite (Business), 2018 Ranked among *Super Lawyers* magazine's North Carolina "Rising Stars" (Mergers & Acquisitions), 2012-2018

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Casa Esperanza Montessori Charter School, Board of Directors

Boomerang Youth, Inc., Chair, Corporate Governance Committee, 2016 – 2018

North Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Law-Related Education Committee, Co-chair, 2008 – 2009

North Carolina Bar Association, Co-chair, "Participate" Working Group of the 4All Task Force, 2007 – 2008

Wake County Bar Association