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Areas of Focus

Aerospace and Defense

Corporate

Japan Practice

Mergers and Acquisitions

Real Estate and Hospitality



Overview

Public and private companies rely on Don Batterson’s experience and judgment to close high-profile and complex transactions. Working alongside US and international clients, he structures, negotiates, and guides mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and public and private securities transactions, ranging from small and medium-size deals to multi-billion dollar deals. Don’s advice and insight help companies and boards maintain compliance with securities regulations, fiduciary duties, and corporate governance rules and best practices.

Among his largest and most complex corporate transactions, Don represented Takeda Pharmaceutical Company in a multibillion-dollar split-off transaction involving TAP Pharmaceutical Products. He also represented General Motors in the \$5.6 billion sale of its Allison Transmission division to the Carlyle Group and Onex Corporation. Don counseled General Motors in selling its assets to a newly formed entity sponsored by the US Treasury in connection with a 363 transaction.

Don has advised several of the country’s largest companies on a range of transactional and securities matters, including General Motors, General Dynamics, and Hertz. Known for his commitment to collaboration and teamwork, he led the legal team on a \$17.9 billion global offering of debt securities for General Motors, the then-largest debt offering by a non-governmental issuer.

Don draws on extensive experience representing Japanese, South Korean, European, UK, and other international clients in cross-border M&A and other transactions. He serves as a Co-Chair of the firm’s Japan and Cross-Border Transactions practices.



In complex cross-border transactions, success hinges on experience and good judgment and understanding client strategies.”

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- Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds
- Energy
- Data Centers

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 1994

Education

- Emory University School of Law, JD, with honors
- Northern Illinois University, BS, *summa cum laude*

Clerkships

- Hon. Susan H. Black, US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1993-1994
- Hon. Jack T. Camp, US District Court, Northern District of Georgia, 1992-1992

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Leading Lawyers Network, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2004-2019; Publicly Held Corporations Law, 2004-2019; Securities & Venture Finance Law, 2004-2019
- *Legal 500*, Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts: M&A: Middle Market, 2010