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Areas of Focus

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

ESG: Environmental, Social, and Governance

Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds

Real Estate Transactions

Overview

Ed Prokop advises clients in a variety of domestic and cross-border public and private transactions, as well as complex joint ventures, strategic alliances, and public-private partnerships. In addition, Ed regularly counsels clients on corporate governance, fiduciary, ethics and disclosure matters. He represents clients from a broad spectrum of industries including life sciences, food production and distribution, manufacturing, cannabis, telecommunications, media and technology.

Ed works with companies in all stages of the growth cycle, from early stage private companies to mature publicly traded companies. With experience across a diverse mix of industries and clients, Ed capably devises creative and effective solutions for clients to achieve their strategic goals. He serves as lead deal counsel in connection with complex, high-stakes M&A transactions and is a trusted advisor to boards of directors and senior management of public and private companies. Ed serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate Practice and is a member of the firm's Management Committee.

> "With a practical and pragmatic approach to partnering with clients in deal negotiations, focus on key objectives is not compromised or lost in complex transactions."

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- Post-*Chevron* Task Force
- Critical and Emerging Technologies
- Content, Media, and Entertainment

Representative Matters

- Represented Albertsons Companies, Inc. in its announced merger with Kroger valued at $25 billion and its announced $2.4 billion asset sale to C&S Wholesale Grocers LLC in connection with the proposed merger with Kroger. Both transactions were terminated following an adverse regulatory ruling.
- General Dynamics Corporation in its $9.7 billion acquisition of publicly traded CSRA.
- Cox Enterprises in its acquisition of BrightFarms, Inc., and various venture investments as part of Cox's more than $1 billion of investments in sustainability and cleantech.
- Lonza Group Ltd. in its carve-out and $630 million sale of its water care business to Platinum Equity.
- Snyder's-Lance Inc. in its $6.1 billion sale to Campbell Soup Company.
- Snyder's-Lance Inc. in its $1.8 billion acquisition of Diamond Foods Inc.

Credentials

Admissions

- New York, 2010

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, JD, 2009
- Fordham University, MA, International Political Economy and Development, 2009
- University of Connecticut, BA, 2006

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Crain's New York Business*, Notable Diverse Leaders in Law, 2022
- Law360, Rising Star, 2018

- *Lawdragon,* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America, 2026
- *New York Law Journal,* Rising Star, 2022