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Related Services

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Charlie deftly maneuvers clients through complex corporate transactions, including those in the construction, media and manufacturing industries.

Charlie Yates is a member of Alston & Bird's Corporate & Business Transactions Group. He represents public and private companies in a variety of industries in complex transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, and public and private offerings of debt and equity. Charlie also advises clients on general corporate matters, including ongoing SEC compliance and corporate governance issues.

Charlie is recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the Mergers & Acquisitions Law category. He was also selected as a Rising Star in Business/Corporate by *Georgia Super Lawyers* magazine in 2018.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Charlie clerked for the Hon. Frank Mays Hull of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to a leading global travel distribution system in the buyout of its Asia-Pacific joint venture and simultaneous negotiation of long-term distribution arrangements with 11 Asian airlines in eight different jurisdictions.
- Counsel to a global building products company in the establishment of a joint venture in the U.S. and Canada.
- Counsel to a leading manufacturer of paper and building products in the sale of its engineered lumber business for \$215 million.
- Counsel to a publicly held packaging company in acquisitions and dispositions in North America.
- Counsel to a home improvement and new home construction manufacturer in the disposition of its office supply manufacturing business.
- Counsel to a publicly held packaging company in multiple public common stock and debt offerings.
- Counsel to the world's largest and best-known home improvement retailer in multiple public debt offerings.
- Counsel to leading international investment banks in several public offerings of debt and related debt tender offers by the world's best-known beverage company.

Education

- Washington and Lee University (J.D., 2010)
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Admitted to Practice

- Georgia