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Sarah Mackenzie is a partner in Alston & Bird's Corporate & Business Transactions Group. Sarah represents private and public companies in complex mergers and acquisitions, carve-out transactions, joint ventures, inbound international business transactions, and securities offerings. Her practice also includes counseling companies on corporate governance, ongoing SEC compliance, and other general corporate matters.

Sarah earned her J.D., cum laude, in 2009 from Washington and Lee University School of Law, where she was a member of the *Washington and Lee Law Review* and served as a Burks Scholar. She received her B.A. in religious studies and linguistics from Dartmouth College in 2005. She is a member of the State Bars of Georgia and Virginia and the American Bar Association.

Representative Experience

- Represented a publicly held provider of security and identity management solutions in several acquisitions and its \$365 million sale to the largest technology company in the world.
- Counsel to a publicly held leading provider of paperboard packaging in a transformational combination with a division of a Fortune 100 competitor using an Up-C partnership structure and valued at \$1.8 billion and in several other acquisitions, divestitures, and joint ventures.
- Counsel to a publicly held medical device company in a \$710 million carve-out of its surgical and infection prevention business.
- Counsel to one of the leading U.S. food distributors in several strategic acquisitions.
- Counsel to a publicly traded India-based company in its acquisition of a distressed U.S. public company.
- Counsel to a leading Scandinavian aluminum manufacturer as the successful bidder in a Section 363 auction that doubled the size of the company.
- Counsel to a publicly traded biometric security company in a \$400 million sale to the world's largest technology company.
- Counsel to leading international investment banks in public offerings of debt securities and related debt tender offers by the world's best-known beverage company aggregating more than \$25 billion and €13 billion.
- Counsel to the world's largest and best-known home improvement retailer in public offerings of notes aggregating more than \$15 billion.
- Counsel to a leading Atlanta-based private equity fund.
- Counsel to a staffing services company in multiple strategic acquisitions.
- Counsel to a leading flexible-packaging provider in its acquisition of a medical-packaging manufacturing facility in a Department of Justice mandated divestiture.

Publications & Presentations

Presentations

- “10 Business Development Strategies to Help You Build a Viable Book of Business,” The 14th Annual Career Strategies Conference, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, New York, NY, October 10-12, 2018.

Education

- Washington and Lee University (J.D., 2009)
- Dartmouth College (B.A., 2005)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- Virginia

Related Services

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