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Related Services

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Tom puts his clients on the best route to growth whether they are startups or established companies. He advises boards on compliance with securities laws as well as international structuring and employment arrangements.

Thomas Wingard is a partner in Alston & Bird's Corporate & Business Transactions Group, where he focuses his practice on general corporate, securities and business matters. He represents companies involved in a wide variety of businesses, including renewable energy, wireless communications, heavy industry, software and other technology companies, broadcasting and other media, Internet, consulting, manufacturing, real estate and health care.

As principal outside counsel to his clients, Tom initiates, negotiates and manages transactions, both domestic and foreign, of traditional, "new economy" and government-regulated industries ranging from startup ventures to billion-dollar companies. He has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, the financing of emerging companies and negotiating complex business transactions. For these clients, he has negotiated the terms of acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, debt and equity offerings, venture capital financings and reorganizations/debt restructuring. Tom also advises management and directors in a broad range of business matters, including compliance with state and federal securities laws, corporate governance, international structuring, expansion opportunities, licensing and executive employment arrangements, compensation, stock option and employee matters.

Tom previously served as the partner-in-charge of Alston & Bird's Los Angeles office for over 13 years.

Representative Experience

- Representing the owners of multiple automotive dealerships in restructurings.
- Represented a global wireless and infrastructure provider in a \$110 million recapitalization.
- Represented a manufacturer of vehicle location devices in the reorganization (under Chapter 11) and subsequent sale to a publicly traded non-U.S. company.
- Represented a U.S. based provider of expert consulting services in a \$125 million recapitalization.
- Counsel to a software-only, hybrid-cloud based, multi-point, high-definition, video collaboration service in a divestiture.
- Counsel to an automotive and marine distributor in the \$75 million acquisition of the west coast distributor of diesel products.
- Represented the seller in a \$37 million divestiture of a fiber optic and utility construction and servicing company.
- Represented the seller in a \$55 million divestiture of a provider of testing and quality inspection services in the construction industry.

- Represented the purchaser in the acquisition of a provider of construction management and consulting services.
- Represented the purchaser in the \$53 million acquisition of a provider and operator of dark fiber metro networks and related owner of data center and colocation facilities.
- Represented the seller in the divestiture of a provider of large-scale demolition services for buildings, bridges, roads, and industrial plants.
- Represented the seller in the divestiture of a quarry owner and producer of rock products.
- Counsel to a southern California based manufacturer and distributor of biodiesel and other clean fuels in the sale of the company.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors (Executive Committee) and Finance Committee
- USC Gould School of Law Institute for Corporate Counsel, Board of Advisors

Education

- University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco (J.D., 1987)
- Wabash College (B.A., 1984)

Admitted to Practice

- California