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OVERVIEW

Nick Kitko is a partner in the firm where he focuses his practice on middle-market mergers and acquisitions, private equity, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, corporate finance and growth equity, minority investments, joint ventures and other strategic alternatives, and general corporate matters where he functions as outside counsel with an emphasis on formation and capitalization, corporate governance, and commercial contracting.

Nick regularly represents both strategic and financial buyers and sellers of businesses, debt and growth equity investors, and other participants in various buyout, recapitalization, and financing transactions. He also represents other businesses on a range of strategic, financing, and corporate matters through all stages of the company's life-cycle. His experience spans a number of different industries, including transactions and corporate counseling in the areas of business services, manufacturing and distribution, environmental services, telecommunications, healthcare, life sciences, technology, media, and services.

Nick is a member of the Charlotte office associate liaison committee, serving as the bridge between leadership and associates, and is involved in the office's mentorship and recruiting efforts.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Nick served as an associate at a law firm based in Columbus, Ohio where his practice focused on underwriting representations and warranties insurance (RWI) policies for middle-market M&A transactions, leading corporate transactions, such as mergers and acquisitions, and equity and debt financings, and assisting clients with securities compliance in private offerings in connection with capital raises. Nick also served as outside counsel to various private companies.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law
- B.S., B.A., Ohio University

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina
- Bar of Ohio

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- The Law May Cave, But Economics Will Not: The Road to Paying Student Athletes is Longer Than We Think, 85 U. Cin. L. Rev. (2018).

NEWS & EVENTS

- 16 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Matthews International Corporation in US$232.1 Million Sale of Warehouse Automation Business
- 6 January 2026, K&L Gates Names More Than 25 New Partners Across Firm
- 10 November 2025, K&L Gates Advises Albemarle on Sale of a Controlling Stake in Ketjen to KPS Capital Partners
- 10 January 2022, K&L Gates Advises Blue Point Capital Partners on Platform Investment in National OnDemand

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Governance
- Private Equity Transactions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ: MATW) in the US$232.1 million sale of its Warehouse Automation business to Duravant LLC.
- Represented Incline Equity Partners, a leading private equity firm, on its partnership with White Label Communications, LLC.
- Represented Hadley Capital Fund IV LP, a private equity firm based in Illinois and Nashville, and its affiliated funds in connection with its acquisition of Interstate Fabrications, L.L.C.
- Represented Aldinger Company, a portfolio company of Incline Equity Partners, in its acquisition of the assets of Weigh Ahead Inc. d/b/a Utah Scale Center.

- Represented Aldinger Company, a portfolio company of Incline Equity Partners, in its acquisition of the assets of B. Page Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Huston-Depue Calibration Laboratories.
- Represented Aldinger Company, a portfolio company of Incline Equity Partners, in its acquisition of the Tescom Calibration & Repair business unit from LDDF Inc.
- Represented Incline Equity Partners, a leading private equity firm, in its investment in Aldinger Company.
- Represented Aldinger Company, a portfolio company of Incline Equity Partners, in its acquisition of the assets of Instrument Technologies, Inc.
- Represented affiliates of Blue Point Capital Partners LLC in connection with its leveraged recapitalization of National OnDemand, Inc.
- Represented National OnDemand, Inc. in its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Unified Utility Alliance, Inc.
- Assisted in Blue Point Capital Partners' exit from its investment in W.A. Kendall and Company and Seelbach and Company, operating as Kendall Vegetation Services, through the sale of the business to affiliates of Sterling Investment Partners.