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OVERVIEW

Leah Baucom is a partner in the firm's Corporate practice. Leah focuses her practice on mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions. Leah regularly represents public and private companies, private equity sponsors and financial institutions on a broad range of mergers and acquisitions, investments, joint ventures, recapitalizations and other business combination transactions. Leah is often involved in cross-border transactions involving parties and operations in multiple jurisdictions and serves many foreign based clients.

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Leah was named a 2021 Top Rising Star by *The Deal*, which recognizes exemplary US-based partners with a focus on M&A and private equity.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Leah was an associate in the New York office of another international law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Next Generation Partner for M&A: Middle-Market ($500m-999m), 2024-2026
  - Recommended Lawyer for Private Equity Buyouts: Middle-Market (Up to $500m), 2024
- Recognized in *The Deal*'s Top Women in Dealmaking, 2023

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- New York Bar Association

- Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

EDUCATION

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2011 *(magna cum laude; Duke Law & Technology Review, Executive Editor; Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum, Executive Editor and Symposium Manager)*
- M.S., University of Massachusetts, 2008
- B.S., University of Massachusetts, 2006 *(Commonwealth Honors College graduate, magna cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Bar of North Carolina

LANGUAGES

- Chinese

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 12 June 2023, May 2023 Accolades
- June 2021, 2020 Legal 500 U.S. Guide Accolades
- May 2021, May 2021 Accolades
- 22 June 2020, COVID-19: Buying and Selling PPP Borrowers
- 19 June 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Working Wise: Managing the Workplace when Employees Must Remain at Work With Increased Hours and/or Overnight

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Who Owns the Virtual Items?”, *Duke Law & Technology Review*, 2010

NEWS & EVENTS

- 10 June 2026, K&L Gates Receives More Than 200 Firm, Individual Recommendations in *The Legal 500 United States* 2026 Edition
- 10 November 2025, K&L Gates Advises Albemarle on Sale of a Controlling Stake in Ketjen to KPS Capital Partners

- 13 June 2025, K&L Gates Receives 200 Firm, Individual Recommendations in *The Legal 500 United States* 2025 Edition
- 11 March 2025, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Receive Global Recognition in *Thomson Reuters*' Stand-out Lawyers List
- 12 June 2024, K&L Gates Receives More Than 225 Firm, Individual Recommendations in *The Legal 500 United States* 2024 Edition
- 7 June 2023, The Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates Practices, Lawyers in 2023 United States Edition
- 9 May 2023, K&L Gates Advises SPX Technologies on Agreement to Purchase Electrical Heating Solutions Leader
- 15 June 2022, K&L Gates Advises LightJump Acquisition Corp. on Combination With Moolec Science Ltd.
- 8 June 2022, K&L Gates Practices and Lawyers Recognized in *The Legal 500 United States* 2022 Edition
- 13 July 2021, K&L Gates Launches Expanded Guidebook on Doing Business in the United States
- 24 June 2021, K&L Gates Corporate Practice Again Among Top Ranked in the United States by 2021 Legal 500 Guide
- 11 June 2021, K&L Gates Advises SPX Corporation on Agreement to Sell SPX Transformer Solutions to GE-Prolec Transformers
- 6 July 2020, K&L Gates Corporate M&A Practice Again Among Top Rated in the United States by The Legal 500 with Rankings in Seven Categories and 34 Lawyers Recommended
- 25 June 2020, K&L Gates Practices and Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Legal 500 United States Guide
- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform
- 11 June 2019, K&L Gates Once Again Top Ranked in the United States in Middle Market M&A by *The Legal 500*
- 6 June 2019, K&L Gates Earns Practice and Lawyer Recognitions in 2019 *Legal 500 United States* Guide
- 16 November 2018, K&L Gates Advises II-VI Incorporated on US$3.2 Billion Acquisition Agreement with Finisar Corporation

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "SPX Adds Industrial Growth Partners' Aspeq," *The Deal*, May 2023
- "Fandom acquires leading entertainment & gaming brands including Gamespot, TV Guide and Metacritic," *PR Newswire*, 3 October 2022.
- Mentioned, "Amorepacific Acquires Tata Harper Skincare," *Women's Wear Daily*, 1 September 2022.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

- Technology
- Video Games and Immersive Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Red Ventures, a diverse portfolio of industry-leading brands, strategic partnerships and proprietary technology, in a series of acquisitions and sales, including connection with the sale of its gaming and entertainment media brands, including GameSpot, Metacritic and TV Guide.
- Represented Amorepacific Corporation, a Korean skincare and cosmetics company, in its acquisition of Tata Harper, a premium organic skincare brand in the United States.
- Represented SPX Corporation (NYSE: SPXC), a supplier of highly engineered infrastructure equipment and technologies, in the sale of its SPX Transformer Solutions business for approximately $540 million to GE-Prolec, a joint venture between General Electric and Grupo Xignux in Mexico.
- Represented Arable Capital, LLC, a private equity firm, in various acquisitions and sales, including its sale of Fresh Innovations California, LLC, a provider of fresh-cut apple slices; and Investment in Pacific Trellis Fruit / Dulcinea.
- Represented a private equity firm in various acquisitions and sales, including its: investment in a leading commercial insurance broker servicing the transportation industry, sale of a leading provider of route-based fire protection services in Southeastern US, and sale of a software suite for project management, media management and accounting.
- Represented a special-purpose acquisition company on its merger with a science-based food ingredient company in a de-SPAC transaction valuing the food company at $376 million.
- Represented Hexagon AB (NASDAQ Stockholm: HEXA B), a global leader in digital reality solutions, in various acquisitions, including its: acquisition of the Enterprise Asset Management business from Infor, a subsidiary of Koch, for consideration valued at approximately $2.8 billion; acquisition of DP Technology, LLC, a developer and supplier of computer-aided manufacturing technology; acquisition of one of the world's leading suppliers of integrated autonomous vehicle solutions, and acquisition of a software provider with geospatial applications, mobile frameworks and cloud computing for enhanced location intelligence.
- Represented Ziff Davis, Inc. (NASDAQ: ZD), an American digital media and internet company, in a series of sales and acquisitions, including its: acquisition of Moz, a search engine optimization service provider, sale of a collection of B2B cloud-based data backup businesses operating under the LiveVault, OffsiteDataSync and

KeepItSafe brands to private equity firm Dry Line Partners; acquisition of Inspired eLearning, an leader in online learning solutions and acquisition of a global provider of behavioral-based marketing solutions.

- Represented a national commercial landscaping provider in various sales and acquisitions, including its: sale of a tree nursery business, acquisition of a commercial landscaping provider in South Carolina, and acquisition of a snow and ice management company in New Jersey.
- Represented a leading consulting, technology services, and digital transformation company in various acquisitions and sales including its: acquisition of a social impact firm, purpose sale of a technology-enabled third party administrator for the senior health and eldercare markets, and sale of an automated system management product platform.
- Represented Confluence Technologies, Inc., a global software and data solutions provider, in its sale to Clearlake Capital Group, L.P.
- Represented a leader in engineered materials and optoelectronic devices in its acquisition of a leading optical communications developer for consideration valued at approximately $3.2 billion.