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OVERVIEW

Sean Jones focuses his practice on securities and corporate governance matters, and regularly represents public and private companies in a broad range of debt and equity capital markets transactions. He regularly advises his client and their boards of directors on a range of environmental, social and governance matters, including with respect to SEC reporting and other disclosure issues. Sean also assists his clients in a variety of merger and acquisition and financing transactions, and his experience extends across a number of industries including technology, energy, health care, and manufacturing.

Sean has received numerous professional awards and recognitions, including *Best Lawyers in America* Charlotte “Lawyer of the Year” in Securities/Capital Markets Law for 2017 and 2019, and in Securities Regulation for 2016, 2020 and 2022.

In addition to lecturing and authoring articles for seminars and presentations, Sean served as an Adjunct Professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law from 2006 through 2011 where he taught an advanced business law seminar. Sean previously served as managing partner of the Charlotte office for seven years and as a member of the firm's management committee.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2017 and 2019 Lawyer of the Year, Securities/Capital Markets Law – Charlotte
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2016, 2020, and 2022 Lawyer of the Year, Securities Regulation – Charlotte
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2015 and 2021 Lawyer of the Year, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law – Charlotte
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law and Securities Regulation, 2014 – 2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and Securities Law, 2008 – 2013
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, and Securities Law, 2007

- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, Securities and Corporate Finance Law, 2006 and 2009 – 2018
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, Corporate/M&A, 2009 – 2016 and 2021

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Mint Museum, Board of Trustees (Immediate Past Board Chair)
- Member, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, Board of Directors
- Former Board Member, The Light Factory
- 50-Mile Multiple Sclerosis Challenge Walk, 2005-2006 and 2013-2015
- Member, North Carolina Bar Association, Business Law Section, Legal Opinion Committee
- Adjunct Professor, North Carolina Central University School of Law (Advanced Business Law Seminar), 2006-2011

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Guest Lecturer on Securities and M&A matters at University of Tennessee College of Law, February 2010
- “Director Responsibilities and Liabilities,” National Association of Corporate Directors Annual Directors College, October 2009 and November 2010
- “SPECIAL REPORT – Bailing Out Underwater Options Takes Deft Approach,” co-authored article with Mike Denny, *Charlotte Business Journal*, January 2009
- Guest Lecturer on Securities Laws at UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, November 2007 and March 2008
- “Corporate Responsibility And Governance” and “Attorney Reporting-Up Requirements,” Sarbanes-Oxley Act Lorman Seminar, September 2007
- “Recent Developments in Legal Opinions,” Kennedy Covington Business Law CLE, April 2007
- “Section 409A - Executive Compensation Disclosure Rules: Update and Review,” Audio Conference , February 2007
- “Corporate Responsibility And Governance,” Sarbanes-Oxley Act Lorman Seminar, September 2006
- “Securities Law for Tax Lawyers,” Fifth Annual North Carolina/South Carolina Tax Section Workshops, May 2006
- “ISS Proxy Voting Guidelines: 2006 Updates for Equity Plans and Executive Compensation,” Carolinas Chapter of the National Association of Stock Plan Professionals, March 2006
- “Going Public and Other Securities Issues,” presentation at Private Equity and Mezzanine Finance Annual Conference, November 2005

- “Letters of Intent and Commitment Documents,” CLE presentation, August 2005
- “High Yield Debt Offerings,” CLE presentation with Mike Denny, May 2005
- “Structuring the Financing Commitment for a Leveraged Acquisition,” presentation for UNC School of Law Seminar, The Art of Advising Emerging Growth Companies, November 2004
- “Going Private Transactions,” CLE presentation, October 2004
- “Legal Opinions,” CLE presentation, March 2004

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1989 (*with honors; Articles Editor, Tennessee Law Review*)
- B.A., University of Tennessee, 1986 (*with high honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Bar of North Carolina

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 November 2020, SEC Adopts Rules to Facilitate Electronic Signatures on EDGAR Filings (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 5 August 2020, COVID-19: Delaware's 2020 Amendments to its General Corporation Law Respond to COVID-19 and More (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 27 July 2020, SEC Adopts Final Rules on Proxy Voting Advice (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 May 2020, COVID-19: NYSE and Nasdaq Relax Listing Requirements in Response to Volatile COVID-19 Economy (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: SEC Issues COVID-19 Order FAQs (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 April 2020, COVID-19: Responding to Stockholder Activists and Hostile Takeovers in an Uncertain Environment (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 13 April 2020, COVID-19: SEC Advises Companies Preparing for Earnings Communications Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 7 April 2020, COVID-19: Delaware and the SEC Facilitate Virtual Stockholder Meetings as the COVID-19 Outbreak Spreads (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 27 March 2020, COVID-19: SEC Extends Conditional Relief and Provides Disclosure Guidance (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 16 March 2020, COVID-19: Securities Law Considerations for U.S. Public Companies (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 5 March 2020, COVID-19: SEC Announces Conditional Relief for Companies Affected by Coronavirus (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 May 2019, SEC Proposes Amendments to M&A Related Financial Disclosures (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 16 August 2021, K&L Gates Advises ZEAL Network on Delisting Tender Offer for Lotto24 (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 11 June 2021, K&L Gates Advises SPX Corporation on Agreement to Sell SPX Transformer Solutions to GE-Prolec Transformers (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 24 May 2021, Chambers USA 2021 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates Corporate Practice, Lawyers Among Leaders (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 3 December 2020, K&L Gates Advises EXASOL AG and Hauck & Aufhäuser on €43 Million Capital Increase (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 6 November 2020, K&L Gates Advises Exact Sciences Corporation on Acquisitions of Cancer Detection Companies, Common Stock Sale (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 30 October 2018, K&L Gates Boosts Banking and Asset Finance Practice with Charlotte Partner Addition (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)
- 23 June 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers USA 2016 Guide (*Press Release*)
- 20 May 2015, Chambers USA 2015 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates, Lawyers as Industry Leaders (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Private Equity Transactions
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Equity