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OVERVIEW

Kevin Stichter is a partner and focuses his practice on corporate transactions, such as mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, and equity and debt financings. He is often involved in cross-border transactions, involving parties and operations in multiple countries and related international issues. He also advises clients on general corporate matters, corporate governance and commercial contracts.

Kevin has represented numerous types of parties in transactions, including multinational public companies, private equity sponsors, financial institutions, private companies, founders and management teams.

Kevin has worked in a wide-range of industries, including business services, chemicals, data management, defense, distribution, energy, financial services, healthcare, life sciences (including pharmaceuticals), manufacturing, media, retail, software, technology, telecommunications and transportation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining a predecessor firm in 1997, Kevin worked for large law firm based in the Western part of the US.

After law school, Kevin served as a law clerk to the Honorable David A. Ezra, United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA f*or Corporate/M&A in North Carolina: Charlotte & Surrounds, 2020-2026
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer
  - M&A: Middle-Market ($500m-999m), 2024-2026
  - Private Equity Buyouts: Middle-Market (Up to $500m), 2024-2026
- Listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*® for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Venture Capital Law, 2008-2022
- Listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2010-2022

- Association for Corporate Growth (Raleigh Durham), “Private Equity Deal of the Year,” Lead Counsel, 2012
- Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Leadership School

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Association for Corporate Growth, member and speaker
- Vanderbilt Law School, recruiter and fundraiser
- Active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, including search committee for head priest, Sunday School teacher and youth group advisor.
- Volunteer with local homeless shelter

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “*Best Practices for Managing M&A from the Inside*,” Association of Corporate Counsel - Research Triangle Park Moderator, September 2016
- The 14 Annual Presidents' Forum of Charlotte, “M&A: A Vehicle to Grow your Business,” panelist 2015
- Association for Corporate Growth, 2nd Annual Deal Crawl, “M&A Curveballs: Earnouts & Working Capital,” presenter 2014
- The Entrepreneurship Institute, “Strategic Growth Initiatives in a Competitive Marketplace,” 2013
- North Carolina Bar Association, Business Law and International Law Practice Sessions & Joint Annual Meetings, “Traps for the Unwary in M&A Transactions,” 2013
- Association for Corporate Growth, Capital Conference, “Private Equity Deal of the Year,” panel moderator, 2012
- Private Equity and Mezzanine Finance Conference, co-chair, moderator and speaker, 2003-2009

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 1991 *(Vanderbilt Law Review, Associate Editor; Order of the Coif)*
- A.B., Brown University, 1987

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 21 February 2024, The New US Merger Guidelines Unpacked
- 22 June 2020, COVID-19: Buying and Selling PPP Borrowers
- 12 May 2020, COVID-19: Distressed M&A in the Era of a Pandemic - Part 2, Déjà Vu All Over Again?
- 5 May 2020, COVID-19: Distressed M&A in the Era of a Pandemic - Part 1, Eyes Wide Open
- 20 March 2020, COVID-19: Implications on M&A Transactions
- 2 October 2019, In a $1.365 Billion Merger, the Target Company "Blindsided" the Proposed Buyer by Terminating the Merger Agreement and the Court Upheld the Termination; Court Requests Further Briefing re the $126.5 Million Reverse Termination Fee
- 5 April 2018, Multi-Billion Dollar Investment Manager and Directors Remain at Risk
- 2 March 2016, Carolinas Corporate Update

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "In Merger-Related Suit, Attorney-Client Privilege Prevailed Over Garner Challenge," *K&L Gates Delaware Docket*, September 2017

NEWS & EVENTS

- 25 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises Carousel Capital on Recapitalization of Jay Industrial Repair
- 4 June 2026, K&L Gates Receives Nearly 235 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2026 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 16 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Matthews International Corporation in US$232.1 Million Sale of Warehouse Automation Business
- 7 November 2025, K&L Gates Advises Carousel Capital on Recapitalization of CraneWorks
- 23 September 2025, K&L Gates Counsels Copeley Capital on Sale of OnSight Industries
- 24 July 2025, K&L Gates Assists Carousel Capital on Sale of Majority Interest in Landscape Workshop to Ares Management Corporation
- 5 June 2025, K&L Gates Receives More Than 240 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2025 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 6 June 2024, K&L Gates Receives More Than 200 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2024 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 1 June 2023, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 16 May 2023, K&L Gates Assists Presidio Investors on ElevATE Semiconductor Continuation Fund

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 1 June 2022, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 24 May 2021, Chambers USA 2021 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates Corporate Practice, Lawyers Among Leaders
- 25 February 2021, Representations and Warranties Insurance - How to Navigate the Potential Gaps and Traps in Buy-Side Policies
- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide
- 3 September 2019, K&L Gates Advises Sealed Air Corporation on US$510 Million Acquisition of Automated Packaging Systems
- 13 February 2017, K&L Gates Advises Hexagon AB on Pending Acquisition of MSC Software Corporation

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, “3D Systems Sells Geomagic Software Portfolio to Hexagon”, *The Deal Pipeline*, 16 December 2024
- Mentioned, "Presido, Kline Hill Close Continuation Fund for ElevATE Semiconductor," *The Deal*, 12 May 2023
- Mentioned, "Freshfields, K&L Gates Drill into €3B Stanley Black & Decker Deal," *Law.com International,* 27 July 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Healthcare and FDA
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Healthcare

- Life Sciences
- Private Equity
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ: MATW), a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based provider of industrial technologies and memorialization products, in the US$232.1 million sale of its Warehouse Automation business to Duravant LLC.
- Advised Carousel Capital, a North Carolina-based private equity firm, and its portfolio company Landscape Workshop, a leading provider of route-based commercial landscaping services, on the sale of a majority interest in Landscape Workshop to an Ares Management Private Equity fund.
- Represented Carousel Capital Partners VI, L.P., a Charlotte, North Carolina-based private equity firm, and its affiliated funds in connection with the equity recapitalization of O.R. Colan Associates, LLC and ORC Utility & Infrastructure Land Services, LLC.
- Advised Hexagon AB (OTCMKTS: HXGBY), a global leader in digital reality solutions, on its recent acquisition of ETQ.