



## Phil J. Lee

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## OVERVIEW

Phil Lee is a partner in the firm's New York office, where he focuses on M&A and private equity transactions.

He represents strategic and private equity clients in a variety of domestic and cross-border transactions, including:

- mergers, acquisitions and divestitures,
- recapitalizations,
- restructurings,
- leveraged buyouts,
- joint ventures,
- debt and equity investments,
- fund formation, and
- portfolio company operations.

Phil represents clients across a broad range of industries, including healthcare, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, technology and alternative energy.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Phil practiced in the M&A and private equity team of a leading Australian national law firm, where he assisted the practices into becoming a market leader in the Australian mid-market M&A landscape.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- New York Bar Association
- Member of the Law Society of NSW

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Technology, Sydney, 2012
- Bachelor of Economics, University of Sydney, 2009

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to the Australian chapter of *Getting the Deal Through – Corporate Governance*, a multi-jurisdictional guide to corporate governance in 35 countries

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 5 March 2021, K&L Gates Names 31 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)
- 1 December 2020, K&L Gates Advises The Goldfield Corporation on Merger with First Reserve (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 29 April 2019, K&L Gates Cross-Platform Team Advises LG Household & Healthcare Company in Acquisition Agreement with New Avon LLC (*Noteworthy Work*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity Transactions

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Patricia Industries, a part of Investor AB, in its \$903 million acquisition of Sarnova Inc., a healthcare products distribution.
- Represented Hudson Clean Energy Partners in connection with an investment by FTV Capital, a growth-equity firm, in Sunlight Financial, a New York based solar-power financing company.
- Represented Only About Children, a premium provider of childcare services, on a strategic alliance transaction with a fund managed by Folkestone.
- Represented Coomboona Holdings (a dairy farm and genetics business) on an investment into its business by Harvey Norman, a company listed on the ASX.

- Advising on the sale of the Gloria Jean's Coffee group, a global business that is a market leader in coffee roasting and franchised coffee retail in Australia, to ASX listed Retail Food Group Limited.
- Represented Alceon Group, a leading investment and advisory firm, on its off-market takeover bid for Australian womenswear retailer Noni B Limited, a company listed on the ASX.
- Represented Keystone Group on its acquisition of Pacific Restaurant Group Ltd, an unlisted Australian public company, by way of off-market takeover bid, including structured debt funding from KKR and Olympus Capital.
- Secondment at Ausgrid (an Australian government owned electricity infrastructure company) in preparation for the privatization of approximately 50% of its business for AUD16 billion.
- Represented Trax, a world leader in computer vision solutions for retail, on both its strategic alliance with Nielsen (NYSE:NLSN) and its cross-border acquisition of Nielsen's Store Observation project-based services in the US market.
- Represented Solvay, an international chemical group, on its divestiture of its formulated resins business to Altana AG, a specialty chemicals group
- Represented Par Pharmaceutical, a global pharmaceutical company, on multiple divestitures of certain manufacturing facilities and ANDAs.
- Represented The Watermill Group, a private investment firm, on its cross-border acquisition of Cooper & Turner, a UK-based global manufacturer and distributor.
- Represented National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM), a leading provider of alternative dispute resolution services, on a private investment by Sageview Capital, a private investment firm, in NAM