

Rising Star: Sullivan & Cromwell's Brad King

By Jasmin Boyce

Law360 (July 24, 2023, 11:31 AM EDT) -- Brad King of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP has advised several high-figure deals surrounding innovative biotechnology and emerging health science applications, including guiding Seagen during an acquisition valued at more than \$40 billion, earning him a spot among the life sciences practitioners under age 40 honored by Law360 Rising Stars.

The biggest deal of his career, and why it was challenging:

Back in March, King and a team at Sullivan & Cromwell led global cancer biotechnology company Seagen in its deal to be acquired by biopharmaceutical giant Pfizer for \$229 in cash per Seagen share — giving the transaction a total enterprise value of \$43 billion.

King told Law360 it was a "really amazing deal," highlighting that the transaction was the "largest cash takeover of a biopharma company ever."

"I think the biggest challenge with that deal was managing a team that was both on the East Coast and West Coast as well as Europe," he said. "One thing we pride ourselves on is the ability to execute transactions across any time zone."

What motivates him:

The Sullivan & Cromwell partner said a "huge motivator" is helping his pharmaceutical clients "achieve better outcomes for their patients through scaling up or combining two companies."

"I think we're helping our clients achieve things strategically," King said. "It's an added benefit that these deals are also so helpful to patients and are bettering health care that people receive."

Other notable cases he's worked on:

Last September, Brad helped steer Alphabet Inc. subsidiary Verily Life Sciences in a \$1 billion private investment round led by its parent company, in addition to helping Verily obtain sole ownership of Granular Insurance Co., which provides health care stakeholders with precision risk coverage.

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Brad King

Sullivan & Cromwell

Age: 34

Home base: Palo Alto, California

Position: Mergers and acquisitions partner

Law school: Harvard Law School

First job after law

school: Associate at Sullivan & Cromwell

"Verily is a really interesting company in terms of data-driven health science applications, and it's been really great to work with a client who's based here in the Bay Area," King said.

How he sees his practice changing in the next 10 years:

For King, one thing he's looking forward to seeing develop in the future is the "ability of artificial intelligence to supplement" the firm's work "on a day-to-day basis."

"That can help us deliver even better advice for our clients," he added. "I'm excited to see how those ... trends come together over the next 10 years."

--As told to Jasmin Boyce.

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