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Alison S. Ressler is a leading authority on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and capital markets. She provides advice to U.S. and non-U.S. corporations, private equity investors, boards of directors and financial advisers for a wide range of transactions in regulated and unregulated industries.

Regularly cited at the very top of the legal profession in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate governance and capital markets, Ms. Ressler has been named *American Lawyer's* "Dealmaker of the Week" multiple times and was named *American Lawyer's* "Dealmaker of the Year" for advising Barclays in the sale of Barclays Global Investors to BlackRock. Ms. Ressler was named to *The Deal's* "Women in M&A: The Powerhouse 20" and has also been recognized as a *Law360* MVP in M&A and Private Equity and as one of the 10 most innovative lawyers in North America by the *Financial Times*. She is regularly recognized by additional leading industry publications, including *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, *IFLR1000*, *Lawdragon*, *Euromoney*, *The Lawyer* and *M&A Advisor*.

Ms. Ressler is a member of the Firm's Management Committee, serves as co-head of the Global Private Equity Group and is responsible for the Firm's practice in California.

SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

Mergers & Acquisitions

Recent M&A transactions in which she has been involved include:

- **Symantec's** \$10.7 billion sale of its Enterprise Security assets, which include the Symantec name, to Broadcom, as counsel to Goldman Sachs & Co., financial adviser to Symantec and \$2.3 billion acquisition of LifeLock, as counsel to J.P. Morgan Securities, co-lead financial adviser to the Board of Directors of Symantec

PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Healthcare & Life Sciences

Corporate Governance

Consumer & Retail

Sports & Entertainment

Capital Markets

Equity

Debt

REITs

Investment Management

M&A Financial Advisory

EDUCATION

1983, Columbia Law School, J.D.

1980, Brown University, A.B.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

New York

- **Tableau Software's** \$15.7 billion acquisition by Salesforce, as counsel to Goldman Sachs & Co., financial adviser to Tableau Software
- **Versa's** sale of **Polartec** to Milliken & Company and Versa's portfolio company, Vestis Retail's acquisition of Sport Chalet
- **Ares**, as a member of a consortium co-led by Ares and Leonard Green & Partners, in the acquisition of Press Ganey; \$1.45 billion strategic partnership with DuPage Medical Group; and acquisition of a significant stake in American Tire
- **Global Payments'** \$21.5 billion merger with TSYS, as counsel to BofA Merrill Lynch and J.P. Morgan Securities, financial advisers to Global Payments
- **Juniper Networks'** \$405 million acquisition of Mist Systems
- **Verily Life Sciences**, an Alphabet company, in its \$1 billion investment round, led by Silver Lake, and its \$800 million investment by Temasek
- **Syntel's** \$3.57 billion acquisition by Atos
- **Rent-A-Center's** \$1.365 billion proposed acquisition by Vintage Capital, as counsel to the Board of Directors of Rent-A-Center, later terminated
- **Joe Tsai**, executive vice chairman and co-founder of Alibaba Group, in his purchase of a 49% interest in the Brooklyn Nets from owner Mikhail Prokhorov
- **California Resources Corporation's** \$825 million infrastructure joint venture and equity investment with Development Capital Resources
- **Kite Pharma's** \$11.9 billion acquisition by Gilead Sciences
- **SPO Partners'** \$900 million sale of its aggregates business, Aggregates USA LLC, to Vulcan Materials Company
- **Unified Grocers** in its \$375 million acquisition by SUPERVALU
- **Platinum Equity's** acquisition of a controlling equity stake, along with other noteholders, in the reorganization of Key Energy Services
- **Rockwell Collins'** \$6.4 billion acquisition of B/E Aerospace, as counsel to J.P. Morgan Securities, financial advisor to Rockwell Collins
- **Oracle's** \$9.3 billion acquisition of NetSuite, as counsel to Moelis & Company, financial adviser to the Special Committee of Oracle
- **Nortek's** \$2.8 billion acquisition by Melrose Industries, as counsel to Ares, the largest shareholder in Nortek
- FilmYard Holdings, parent company of **MIRAMAX**, in **MIRAMAX's** acquisition by beIN MEDIA GROUP
- **ATL Investco's** acquisition of the Atlanta Hawks
- **Valeant's** \$15.8 billion acquisition of Salix; \$55 billion unsolicited offer to acquire Allergan; acquisition of PreCision Dermatology; \$1.4 billion sale of aesthetic products to

Galderma; acquisition of Medicis; and unsolicited offer for Cephalon

- **Ontario Teachers'** acquisition of PODS
- **Grocery Outlet's** acquisition by affiliates of Hellman & Friedman, as counsel to MacGregor Read and Eric Lindberg, shareholders and co-CEOs of Grocery Outlet
- **Endo's** \$2.6 billion acquisition of Auxilium
- **Tinicum's** portfolio company Consolidated Aerospace Manufacturing's acquisition of Bristol Industries, as counsel to Tinicum
- **Zynga's** acquisition of NaturalMotion
- American Realty Capital's \$11.2 billion acquisition of **Cole Real Estate**, as counsel to Christopher Cole and certain other executives and Cole Credit Property Trust III's acquisition of **Cole Holdings**
- **Dole Foods'** acquisition by an investor group led by Dole Chairman and CEO David Murdock, as counsel to Dole's special committee
- CPG International's acquisition by **Ares** and **Ontario Teachers**
- Purchase of **Activision Blizzard** shares from Vivendi, as counsel to ASAC II, an investment vehicle led by Activision CEO Bobby Kotick and Co-Chairman Brian Kelly
- **Dell's** acquisition by investor group led by Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners and financed in part by **Microsoft**, as counsel to Microsoft
- Microsoft's acquisition of **Skype Global** from investor group led by **Silver Lake**, as counsel to both Skype and Silver Lake

Professional Activities and Community Involvement

- Co-chair of the Dean's Council, Columbia Law School
- Board Member, LA 2028 Summer Olympics
- Brown University, Vice Chancellor and Trustee
- Harvard-Westlake School Trustee