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George Sampas is a partner in S&C's Mergers and Acquisitions Group and leads the Firm's aviation and North American energy and natural resources practices. His practice has emphasized cross-border transactions, unsolicited U.S. and non-U.S. acquisitions and private equity transactions. He has been engaged by global leaders such as **Alcan, Anheuser-Busch InBev, Aventis, BBA Aviation, BCE, Columbia Pipeline Group, Enbridge, Inco, KPMG, Mitsubishi Tokyo Financial Group** and **Vodafone Group** on their most high-profile and strategically significant matters.

Mr. Sampas is consistently recognized as a leading adviser. He has been named by *Global Counsel* as one of its "Highly Recommended M&A Practitioners" and was named "Dealmaker of the Year" at the *M&A Advisor's* ACG New York Champion's Awards in 2012. Mr. Sampas is also recognized in legal publications such as *New York Super Lawyers*, *The Legal 500 United States* and *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyers*.

Clients note that Mr. Sampas is "a 'wise head,' 'proactive' and 'goes the extra mile to understand the economics of the client's business.'" (*Legal 500 USA*)

SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

Recently, Mr. Sampas advised on the following matters worldwide:

- **Altran** (France) in its \$2 billion acquisition, through its subsidiary Altran US, of Aricent (U.S.)
- **Anheuser-Busch InBev** (Belgium) in its \$20.1 billion acquisition of the remaining stake it did not already own in Grupo Modelo (Mexico); \$1.85 billion sale of a 50% interest in Crown Imports (U.S.) to Constellation Brands (U.S.); and \$2.9 billion sale of Compañía Cervecería de Coahuila (Mexico) to Constellation Brands (U.S.)

PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Healthcare & Life Sciences

Consumer & Retail

Energy & Natural Resources

Oil & Gas

Power & Utilities

International Trade & Investment/CFIUS

Investment Management

M&A Financial Advisory

EDUCATION

1991, The University of Chicago Law School, J.D.

1985, Brown University, A.B.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

- **BBA Aviation** (U.K.) in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Landmark Aviation (U.S.)
- **BCE**, with respect to U.S. law, in its \$3.9 billion acquisition of Manitoba Telecom Services and \$3.38 billion acquisition of Astral Media
- **C&S Wholesale Grocers** in its acquisition of the wholesale distribution and supply business of The Grocers Supply Company
- **Columbia Pipeline Group** (U.S.) in its \$13 billion acquisition by TransCanada Corporation
- **DS Smith** (U.K.) in its \$920 million acquisition of 80% of the total issued share capital of Interstate Resources (U.S.)
- **Enbridge** (Canada) in its \$43 billion acquisition of Spectra Energy (U.S.); the acquisitions of its sponsored vehicles, including Spectra Energy Partners (U.S.), Enbridge Income Fund (Canada), Enbridge Energy Partners (U.S.) and Enbridge Energy Management (U.S.), totaling more than \$18 billion; and the conversion of its IDRs and general partner interests in Spectra into newly issued Spectra common units, valued at \$7.2 billion
- **ExxonMobil Chemical Company** (U.S.) in connection with its Singapore affiliate's acquisition of one of the world's largest aromatics facilities
- **Hay Group** in its \$452 million acquisition by Korn Ferry
- **Optimer Pharmaceuticals** in its acquisition by Cubist Pharmaceuticals
- **Remy International** in its \$1.2 billion acquisition by BorgWarner
- The special committee of the board of directors of **Southern Union Company** in Energy Transfer Equity's acquisition of Southern Union
- **Suncor Energy** in its \$4.6 billion acquisition of Canadian Oil Sands
- Coronado IV, a portfolio company of **The Energy and Minerals Group**, in its acquisition of the Buchanan Mine in Virginia and certain other metallurgical coal reserves from CONSOL Energy
- **United Rentals** in its \$4.2 billion acquisition of RSC Holdings