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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.

#### 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 strategic relationship with a consortium of investors led by Apollo Global Management (U.S.), which acquired a \$3 billion minority stake in AB InBev's U.S.-based metal container plants; \$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.)
- **BBA Aviation** (U.K.) in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Landmark Aviation (U.S.)
- **BCE** (Canada), with respect to U.S. law, in its \$3.9 billion acquisition of Manitoba Telecom Services (Canada) and \$3.38 billion acquisition of Astral Media (Canada)
- **C&S Wholesale Grocers** (U.S.) in its acquisition of the wholesale distribution and supply business of The Grocers Supply Company (U.S.)
- **Columbia Pipeline Group** (U.S.) in its \$13 billion acquisition by

#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

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**Healthcare & Life Sciences**

**Consumer & Retail**

**Energy & Natural Resources**

**Oil & Gas**

**Power & Utilities**

**General Practice**

**Foreign Investments and Trade Regulations**

**Mergers & Acquisitions**

**Investment Management**

**M&A Financial Advisory**

**Private Equity**

#### EDUCATION

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

**1985, Brown University, A.B.**

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

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**New York**

TransCanada Corporation

- **Cronos Group** (Canada) in connection with Altria Group's (U.S.) \$1.8 billion acquisition of a minority stake in Cronos
- **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.), which included the indirect acquisition of Union Gas (Canada), a gas utility company in Chatham, Ontario; 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
- **Optimer Pharmaceuticals** (U.S.) in its acquisition by Cubist Pharmaceuticals (U.S.)
- **Remy International** (U.S.) in its \$1.2 billion acquisition by BorgWarner (U.S.)
- The special committee of the board of directors of **Southern Union Company** (U.S.) in Energy Transfer Equity's (U.S.) acquisition of Southern Union
- **Suncor Energy** (Canada) in its \$4.6 billion acquisition of Canadian Oil Sands
- **Symbotic** (U.S.) in its \$5.5 billion merger with SVF Investment Corp. 3 (U.S.), a SPAC sponsored by an affiliate of Softbank Investment Advisers (U.K.), and arrangement with Walmart (U.S.) to reimagine Walmart's regional distribution network through Symbotic's high tech systems
- Coronado IV (U.S.), a portfolio company of **The Energy and Minerals Group** (U.S.), in its acquisition of the Buchanan Mine in Virginia and certain other metallurgical coal reserves from CONSOL Energy
- **United Rentals** (U.S.) in its \$4.2 billion acquisition of RSC Holdings (U.S.)
- **Watlow** (U.S.) in its sale to Tinicum L.P. (U.S.)

## RANKINGS & RECOGNITION

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*, *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyers* and *Who's Who Legal*.

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*)