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Matt Friestedt leads the Firm's Executive Compensation M&A practice. He is experienced in handling all matters involving the compensation of senior executives, including employment, change in control, equity compensation and severance arrangements. Matt has worked on over \$2 trillion of M&A transactions and written extensively on executive compensation practices and the Section 280G "golden parachute" tax rules. He also regularly advises on governance issues.

SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

Major M&A Transactions

- AbbVie withdrawn acquisition of Shire (\$55 billion)
- AIG sale of Alico to MetLife (\$15 billion)
- Amazon acquisition of Whole Foods (\$14 billion)
- Amgen acquisition of Onyx (\$10 billion)
- AT&T acquisition of DirecTV (\$67 billion)
- AT&T acquisition of Time Warner (\$109 billion)
- AT&T blocked acquisition of T-Mobile (\$39 billion)
- AT&T spin-off of DirecTV (\$16 billion)
- AT&T spin-off of WarnerMedia
- Bayer acquisition of Monsanto (\$66 billion)
- Biohaven sale to Pfizer (\$12 billion)
- Cablevision sale to Altice (\$18 billion)
- Columbia Pipeline sale to TransCanada (\$13 billion)
- Concho sale to ConocoPhillips (\$14 billion)
- Concho acquisition of RSP Permian (\$10 billion)
- CVS acquisition of Omnicare (\$13 billion)
- Dyax sale to Shire (\$6 billion)
- Enbridge acquisition of Spectra (\$43 billion)
- Fiat acquisition of Chrysler out of bankruptcy
- Fiserv acquisition of First Data (\$22 billion)

PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

General Practice

Executive Compensation

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

EDUCATION

1997, New York University School of Law, LL.M.

1996, Vanderbilt Law School, J.D.

1993, University of the Pacific, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

- GGP sale to Brookfield (\$28 billion)
- Goldman Sachs acquisition of SLK (\$6 billion)
- Harris merger of equals with L3 (\$35 billion)
- Hilton Hotels LBO by Blackstone (\$26 billion)
- Idenix sale to Merck (\$4 billion)
- ICE acquisition of the NYSE (\$8 billion)
- Kite Pharma sale to Gilead Sciences (\$12 billion)
- Kraft merger with Heinz (\$55 billion)
- Medco sale to Express Scripts (\$29 billion)
- Perrigo acquisition of Elan (\$9 billion)
- Pharmasset sale to Gilead Sciences (\$11 billion)
- PRA Health Sciences sale to ICON (\$12 billion)
- Priceline acquisitions of Kayak and OpenTable
- SBC acquisition of AT&T (\$22 billion)
- Silver Lake sale of Skype to Microsoft (\$9 billion)
- Stemcentrx sale to AbbVie (\$10 billion)
- Synageva sale to Alexion (\$8 billion)
- Teva acquisition of Allergan Generics (\$40 billion)
- TXU LBO by KKR and TPG (\$45 billion)
- UnitedHealth acquisition of Catamaran (\$13 billion)
- UnitedHealth acquisition of Change Healthcare (\$14 billion)
- ZF acquisition of TRW (\$13 billion)

Other Representations

- *General Compensation*: AMC Networks, Artisan Partners, Cablevision, Madison Square Garden, PacWest Bank, ProSight, RR Donnelley and Vornado
- *IPOs*: Archipelago, Artisan Partners, Great Western Bank and ProSight
- *LBOs*: Ares, CPPIB, OTPP and Rhône
- *Management Team LBOs*: Acosta, Grocery Outlet, Guitar Center, HCA, Russel Investments, Savers
- *Spin-Offs*: AMC Networks, Donnelley Financial Services, LSC Communications, JBG Smith, Madison Square Garden, MSG Networks, Urban Edge

RANKINGS & RECOGNITION

Mr. Friestedt has been recognized as a leading lawyer in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* from 2011 to 2022.