

Acquisitions and Joint Ventures: Legal Aspects

F. Douglas Raymond chairs the firm's Corporate and Securities Practice Group, and has consistently been named among the top M&A and corporate lawyers by "Best Lawyers in America" and Chambers USA in which he has been described as "an excellent adviser who stands out for his practical and solutions-oriented advice." He also counsels corporations and their boards of directors on matters relating to corporate governance, particularly in special committee assignments, change-of-control situations, Sarbanes Oxley compliance and related matters. Doug has represented purchasers and sellers of a broad range of businesses from transportation to high technology, including software developers and telecommunications companies. He has worked closely with strategic players and private equity firms in the semiconductor, retail, transportation, manufacturing, software and logistics industries. Doug has extensive experience in auction processes, both as a buyer and a seller, and he has represented corporations in fending off hostile and other unwanted advances. Whether public or private, securities transactions are often critical events in the life of a business. Doug has helped structure securities offerings in a wide variety of situations. In these transactions, he is able to draw on his experience in representing issuers as well as underwriters and initial purchasers, and on the firm's resources and experience in the federal and state securities laws. Doug also has represented issuers in self-tender offers, spin-offs and other recapitalizations. Recent transactions include representing issuers of public or 144A securities in the semiconductor, retail and insurance markets, as well as in transportation, automotive and manufacturing. In addition to counseling his clients in connection with securities issuances, he has a considerable history in the securitization of financial assets, and together with others at the firm, represented the first issuer of a publicly-rated commercial mortgage-based REMIC. Following college, Doug worked as a commercial lender. After receiving his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School *magna cum laude*, Doug clerked for Judge Walter K. Stapleton on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Doug graduated from Harvard College with a degree in classics and is a member of the boards of directors of the Atwater Kent Museum and National Community Capital Advisors.