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**Advises on domestic and cross-border M&A transactions, joint ventures, minority and preferred investments, restructurings, related-party transactions and corporate finance.**

With over 20 years of experience, Jeffrey has advised corporations and private equity firms on transactional matters with an aggregate value in excess of $150 billion.

He has extensive experience advising clients on corporate governance, activism, takeover preparedness and fiduciary duty matters.

Jeffrey has worked on transactions in a variety of industries, including healthcare and pharmaceuticals, technology services, telecommunications, energy, transportation, financial services, media and entertainment and manufacturing.

## Practices

**MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS**

**PRIVATE EQUITY**

# Bar Admissions

New York

# Education

Dalhousie University, LL.B.

McGill University, B.A.

- with honors

## Representations

- Accenture in connection in its acquisition of Mortgage Cadence
- The Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Alliance Data Systems Corporation in its proposed $7.8 billion sale to Blackstone
- Ally Bank in its:
  - $585 million sale of a MSR portfolio to Ocwen Financial Corporation
  - $280 million sale of a MSR portfolio to Quicken Loans
- America Online, Inc. in its $200 million investment in TiVo
- Angelo, Gordon & Co. in its $296 million acquisition of Benihana
- Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation in its $205 million sale to Encore Capital Group
- AuRico Gold in its:
  - $408 million acquisition of Capital Gold Corporation
  - $1.5 billion acquisition of Northgate Minerals Corporation
- Axiall Corporation in its $3.8 billion sale to Westlake Chemical Corporation
- The Blackstone Group in its:
  - $26 billion acquisition proposal for Dell Technologies
  - $960 million acquisition of Team Health Holdings from a consortium led by Madison Dearborn Partners
  - $2.75 billion bid to purchase Intelsat Ltd.
  - $3 billion bid to purchase the telephone directory business of Qwest Communications (consortium included Thomas H. Lee Partners, Bain Capital and Providence Equity Partners)
  - $2 billion share exchange with Allied Waste Industries Inc. (consortium included Apollo, Greenwich Street Capital and DLJ

  Merchant Banking)
  - $956 million acquisition of the assets of New Skies Satellites
- Bristol-Myers Squibb in its $885 million acquisition of ZymoGenetics
- The Carlyle Group in its $4 billion sale of Signode Industrial Group to Crown Holdings
- Clearwire Corporation in the combination of Clearwire and the WiMax business of Sprint Nextel and the related $3.2 billion investment in the combined company by Comcast, Time Warner Cable and other investors
- CSC ServiceWorks and Pamplona Capital in the $524 million acquisition of Mac-Gray Corporation
- CVC Capital Partners in its:
  - $703 million acquisition of Teva Pharmaceutical's non-US Women's Health assets
  - $2.1 billion acquisition of Univar
- Dakota Growers Pasta Company in its $240 million sale to Viterra
- DHL in its:
  - $90 million minority investment in ASTAR Air Cargo Holdings
  - Two internal restructuring of DHL's operations in the United States
  - $1.4 billion acquisition of Airborne
  - Sale of DHL Airways to BD Air Partners
- Diamond S Shipping in its $1.65 billion merger with the tanker business of Capital Product Partners
- Ferraro Foods Corporation in the sale of all its assets to Kainos Capital
- Galenica AG in its $1.53 billion acquisition of Relypsa

 

- Hess Corporation in the $2.8 billion sale of its retail business to Speedway
- IMC Global in the $450 million recapitalization of its soda ash business
- Ingersoll-Rand Company in its $1.8 billion acquisition of Hussman International
- Koch Equity Development in the acquisition of Truck-Lite Co., alongside BDT Capital Partners
- KKR in its:
  - $2.2 billion acquisition of Jostens, Von Hoffman Corporation and Arcade Marketing from DLJ Merchant Banking
  - $180 million sale of NewSouth Holdings to NuVox (consortium consisting of KKR, M/C Venture Partners, Wachovia Capital Partners and Quadrangle Capital Partners)
  - $550 million trust preferred investment in DPL Capital Trust I and DPL Inc.
  - Willis Group Holdings (portfolio company) in connection with the company's redomiciliation to Bermuda
  - Primedia (portfolio company) in its $200 million sale of securities to Liberty Media Corporation and the simultaneous $25 million purchase of securities in Liberty Digital
  - Primedia in its $200 million share exchange with CMGI
- Metavante Technologies in its $2.94 billion sale to Fidelity National Information Services
- MidOcean Partners in the $450 million acquisition of Sbarro
- Nutrien in its:
  - $4.1 billion sale of its minority interest in Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile to Tianqi Lithium Corporation
  - $502 million sale of its minority interest in Arab Potash Company to SDIC Mining Investment

  - $700 million private offering of its minority interest in Israel Chemicals LTD
- Official Payments Holdings in its $167 million sale to ACI Worldwide
- Orchestra Prémaman in its attempted acquisition of Destination Maternity Corporation
- Paxar Corporation in its $1.34 billion sale to Avery Dennison Corporation
- Pfizer in its:
  - $635 million acquisition of the marketed vaccines portfolio of Baxter International
  - Collaboration agreement with Mylan for the manufacture and distribution of generic drugs in Japan
- PHH Corporation in its:
  - $360 million sale to Ocwen Financial Corporation
  - $912 million sale of its non-GNMA MSR portfolio to New Residential Investment Corporation, as well as the entry into a subservicing agreement for 480,000 mortgage loans
  - $122 million sale of substantially all of its GNMA MSR portfolio to Lakeview Loan Servicing, as well as the sale of its private label servicing business
  - $1.4 billion sale of its fleet management services business to Element Financial Corporation
- Relativity Media in its 363 sale of television assets to creditors
- Carlo Salvi in his capacity as the largest shareholder of Sicor, in its $3.4 billion sale to Teva Pharmaceutical
- Solutia, Inc. in its $225 million acquisition of a 50% interest in the Flexsys Rubber Chemicals joint venture from Akzo Nobel
- Spectrum Equity in its capacity as the largest shareholder of Ancestry.com, in its $1.6 billion sale to Permira

- STATS ChipPac Ltd. in its $1.5 billion sale to Singapore Technologies Semiconductors
- Sun Capital Partners in its:
  - Successful proxy contest for the election of a slate of directors to the board of Furniture Brands International
  - $750 million unsolicited acquisition of Kellwood Company
- Swiss Reinsurance Company in its $6.8 billion acquisition of GE's reinsurance business
- TCA Cable TV, Inc. in its $4 billion sale to Cox Communications
- Teva Pharmaceutical in its:
  - $6.8 billion acquisition of Cephalon
  - Acquisition of NuPathe
- Thomas H. Lee Partners, Lexa Partners, Bain Capital and Providence Equity Partners in their $2.6 billion acquisition of the Warner Music Group from Time Warner
- T-Mobile in $4.5 billion in financings and other related-party transactions with Deutsche Poste
- TonenGeneral Sekiyu in its combination with JX Group
- Twin River Worldwide Holdings in its stock merger with Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment
- Vestar Capital Partners in its:
  - Acquisition of Roland Foods Corporation
  - $695 million sale of AT Holdings Corporation to Eaton Corporation
- VNU N.V. in its:
  - €8.7 billion sale to AlpInvest Partners, Blackstone, Carlyle, Hellman & Friedman, KKR and Thomas H. Lee Partners
  - Proposed $7 billion acquisition of IMS Health

    - €2.075 billion sale of VNU World Directories to Apax Partners and Cinven Limited
- Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe in its:
    - Acquisition of Peak 10
    - $730 million sale of Peak 10 to GI Partners
    - $524 million sale of ITC^Deltacom to EarthLink
    - $290 million recapitalization of Service Repair Solutions
- ZM Capital in its:
    - Acquisition of Cannella Response Television and Cable Response Television
    - $536 million acquisition of Airvana by a consortium led by S.A.C. Private Capital
    - $760 million acquisition of Tekelec by a consortium led by Siris Capital
    - Acquisition of ISS assets from Microsoft
- U.S. Foodservice in its $3.6 billion sale to Koninklijke Ahold

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

## Distinctions

- *The American Lawyer* – Dealmaker of the Year, 2011

## Prior Experience

- Jones Day
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Simpson Thacher