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Richard Hall is Head of the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice for EMEA. He has been described as a “consummate attorney with a business mind” who “brings extremely creative ideas to the table.” Mr. Hall’s practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and matters relating to activist defense.

Mr. Hall’s clients have included AngloGold Ashanti, Archer-Daniels-Midland, AXA, Banco Santander, Barrick Gold, Brookfield, Deutsche Telekom, DMGT, GKN, The Linde Group, Lindsay Goldberg, Peabody Energy, Royal Dutch Shell, Time Warner, WestRock, Weyerhaeuser and The Williams Companies.

Mr. Hall’s notable representations include:

- CymaBay Therapeutics in its \$4.3 billion acquisition by Gilead Sciences;

- WestRock in its \$20 billion combination with Smurfit Kappa, creating Smurfit WestRock, its \$4.9 billion acquisition of KapStone Paper and Packaging and its \$2.3 billion acquisition of Multi Packaging Solutions;
- Brookfield and its affiliates in Brookfield Renewable's strategic partnership with Cameco to acquire Westinghouse for \$8 billion, the \$4.3 billion acquisition of American Equity Investment Life ("AEL") following the strategic partnership with AEL in which Brookfield acquired a 19.9% stake through a PIPE equity investment, the \$3.8 billion acquisition of a controlling stake and \$1.58 billion acquisition of the remaining stake in TerraForm Power and the \$1.3 billion acquisition of TerraForm Global;
- DMGT in the \$8.1 billion business combination of Cazoo and AJAX I SPAC;
- The special committee of the Hudson board of directors in the sale of all remaining equity interests in Hudson to Dufry;
- Deutsche Telekom ("DT") in its Master Framework Agreement with SoftBank and T-Mobile realigning the ownership and governance of T-Mobile, pursuant to which DT consented to SoftBank's sale of approximately 198 million T-Mobile shares in the capital markets for approximately \$20 billion and DT received call options on approximately 101 million additional T-Mobile shares held by SoftBank, and the \$7.3 billion two-part transaction in which DT increased its ownership stake in T-Mobile US;
- Barrick Gold in its proposed \$42 billion merger and subsequent joint venture with Newmont Mining and its \$18.3 billion merger with Randgold Resources;
- Peabody Energy in its proposed joint venture with Arch Resources;
- GKN in the proposed \$6.1 billion combination of GKN's Driveline business and Dana;
- AXA in its \$15.3 billion acquisition of XL;
- The Linde Group in its \$70 billion merger of equals with Praxair and its \$4.6 billion acquisition of Lincare;
- The Williams Companies in its exploration of strategic alternatives, including its rejection of an unsolicited acquisition proposal and subsequent proposed \$37.7 billion business combination transaction with Energy Transfer;
- MarkWest Energy in its \$21 billion merger with MPLX;
- Delhaize in its \$29 billion merger of equals with Royal Ahold;
- Grupo Villar Mir and its subsidiary Grupo FerroAtlántica in its combination with Globe Specialty Metals;
- Rock-Tenn in its \$16 billion combination with MeadWestvaco;

- Covance in its \$6.2 billion sale to LabCorp;
- Life Technologies in its \$15.8 billion sale to Thermo Fisher Scientific; and
- The special committee of the independent directors of CNH Global, as U.S. counsel, in connection with the merger of Fiat Industrial and CNH Global with and into CNH Industrial.

Mr. Hall has been named a “Dealmaker of the Year” by *The American Lawyer*, a “Mergers & Acquisitions MVP” by *Law360* and a Mergers & Acquisitions Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal*. The *Financial Times* has repeatedly featured Mr. Hall’s client representations as among the most innovative in North America. He has been cited as a leading practitioner in mergers and acquisitions by, among others, *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *The Legal 500 US*, *The Legal 500 Latin America*, *IFLR1000*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Who’s Who Legal: M&A and Governance*, *Lawdragon* and *Latin Lawyer 250*. Mr. Hall has also been recognized for his work in private equity by *The Legal 500 US*.

Mr. Hall is a frequent speaker and author on topics related to developments in corporate and mergers and acquisitions law. He has spoken multiple times at the Corporate Law Institute hosted by Tulane University Law School and has served as Contributing Editor of *The Legal 500*’s “Mergers & Acquisitions Country Comparative Guide.”

Mr. Hall was born in Melbourne, Australia. He received a B.Com. with honors in 1984 and an LL.B. with honors in 1986 from the University of Melbourne, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1988.

Mr. Hall joined Cravath in 1988 and was elected a partner in 1995.

EDUCATION

- LL.M., 1988, Harvard Law School
- LL.B., 1986, University of Melbourne
with Honors
- B.Com., 1984, University of Melbourne
with Honors

ADMITTED IN

- New York

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Bar Association

- Corporate and M&A Law Committee
- Securities Law Committee

American Bar Association

ORGANIZATIONS

Practical Law Company

- Member, Advisory Board

RANKINGS

The American Lawyer

- Dealmaker of the Year (2018)

Best Lawyers in America

- Corporate Law (2025, 2024, 2023)
- International Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2025-2016)
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2025-2007)

Chambers Global

- Corporate M&A (International & Cross-Border) - USA (2025-2007)

Chambers USA

- Corporate/M&A - New York (2024-2007)
- Corporate/M&A: Takeover Defense - New York (2018, 2017)

IFLR1000

- Mergers and Acquisitions - US (2024-2005)

Latin Lawyer 250: Latin America's Leading Business Law Firms

- Corporate and M&A - International (2020, 2019, 2018, 2016-2009)

Law360

- Mergers & Acquisitions MVP of the Year (2018)

Lawdragon

- Legends of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2019)
- 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2025-2011, 2008, 2007)
- 500 Leading Dealmakers in America (2024-2021, 2007)

The Legal 500 Hall of Fame

- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Large Deals, \$1bn+

The Legal 500 Latin America

- Corporate and M&A - Latin America: International Firms (2019-2012)

The Legal 500 US

- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Large Deals, \$1bn+ (2023-2010, 2007)
- Private Equity Buyouts: Large Deals, 500m+ (2024)
- Shareholder Activism: Advice to Boards (2024, 2023, 2021, 2020)
- Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactions (2014, 2012)

The National Law Journal

- M&A and Antitrust Trailblazers (2016)