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G.J. Ligelis Jr. advises on public and private mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate matters. His M&A practice has a particular focus on cross-border transactions. Mr. Ligelis's clients have included AerCap, Anheuser-Busch InBev, Aramex, Biogen, Buckeye Partners, Casa Cuervo, INEOS, Just Eat Takeaway.com, National Grid, Novartis, Synthomer, Texas Capital Bank, Unilever, Viartis and WiseTech Global.

Mr. Ligelis's notable M&A transactions include representing:

- Bridge Investment Group's special committee in the pending \$1.5 billion acquisition by Apollo;
- Just Eat Takeaway.com in the sale of Grubhub to Wonder;

- UScellular's independent directors in the pending \$4.4 billion sale of UScellular's wireless operations and select spectrum assets to T-Mobile and the pending sale of select retained spectrum licenses to AT&T and Verizon for more than \$2 billion;
- Viatris in its global research and development collaboration with Idorsia;
- WiseTech Global in its \$414 million acquisition of Blume Global from funds managed by Apollo and EQT and its \$230 million acquisition of Envase Technologies from Firmament;
- Lifezone Metals in its approximately \$1 billion SPAC combination with GoGreen Investments;
- Micro Focus in its \$6 billion acquisition by OpenText;
- Texas Capital Bank in the \$3.4 billion sale of BankDirect Capital Finance to Truist;
- Aramex in its \$265 million acquisition of MyUS;
- National Grid in its £7.8 billion acquisition of Western Power Distribution and the \$3.8 billion sale of Narragansett Electric;
- AerCap in its \$30 billion acquisition of GE Capital Aviation Services;
- INEOS in its \$404 million acquisition of a 50% membership interest in Gemini HDPE from Sasol;
- Just Eat Takeaway.com in its \$7.3 billion acquisition of Grubhub;
- Peugeot in its \$50 billion merger with Fiat Chrysler to form Stellantis;
- Synthomer in its \$824 million acquisition of OMNOVA;
- Buckeye Partners in its \$10.3 billion acquisition by IFM and the sale of its 50% interest in VTTI to Vitol and IFM;
- Biogen in its strategic collaboration agreement with Skyhawk Therapeutics;
- Casa Cuervo and its subsidiaries in connection with numerous transactions, including the acquisition of Cholula by L Catterton, and minority investments in various spirits brands;
- Novartis in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Endocyte;
- Unilever in its acquisition of Sundial Brands, its \$384 million acquisition of the TAZO brand from Starbucks and the \$580 million sale of its Wish-Bone and Western dressings brands to Pinnacle Foods;
- Alere in its \$8 billion sale to Abbott Laboratories;

- Florida East Coast Railway in its \$2.1 billion sale to Grupo México by Fortress Investment Group;
- Anheuser-Busch InBev in its \$123 billion acquisition of SABMiller and the \$12 billion sale of SABMiller's U.S. and global Miller-branded businesses to Molson Coors; and
- IBM in its acquisition of the product and technology businesses of The Weather Company, including WSI, weather.com, Weather Underground and The Weather Company brand, from a consortium comprising Blackstone, Bain Capital and NBCUniversal.

Mr. Ligelis has been named a "Dealmaker of the Year" by *The American Lawyer* in 2021 and has been included among *Bloomberg Law's* "40 Under 40" list in 2024. He was also named a "Rising Star" by *Law360* in 2023, recognizing him as one of six outstanding merger and acquisition lawyers in the nation under the age of 40. Mr. Ligelis has also been recognized for his work in mergers and acquisitions by *The Legal 500 US* and *IFLR1000* and has been named as one of the "500 Leading Dealmakers in America" by *Lawdragon*.

Mr. Ligelis is a frequent speaker and author on trends in mergers and acquisitions and corporate law. He has served as Contributing Editor of multiple editions of the *Chambers "Investing In..."* Guide and co-authored the U.S. chapter for the *International Comparative Legal Guide's* "Foreign Direct Investment Regimes" publication. Mr. Ligelis is a member of the International Bar Association and has spoken at many of the organization's conferences, including those in Mumbai, Paris and Tokyo.

Mr. Ligelis was born in New York. He received an A.B. *magna cum laude* in History with a Certificate in East Asian Studies from Princeton University in 2006, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2009, where he was the President of the Harvard Association for Law and Business.

Mr. Ligelis joined Cravath in 2009 and was elected a partner in 2017.

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2009, Harvard Law School
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- A.B., 2006, Princeton University
Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude

ADMITTED IN

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

RANKINGS

The American Lawyer

- Dealmaker of the Year (2021)

Bloomberg Law

- They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40 (2024)

IFLR1000

- Mergers and Acquisitions - US (2024-2019)

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

- Corporate and M&A - International (2020)

Law360

- Rising Star: Mergers and Acquisitions (2023)

Lawdragon

- 500 Leading Dealmakers in America (2024-2021)

The Legal 500 US

- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Large Deals, \$1bn+ (2024)