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With a practice devoted to M&A, private equity and venture capital investments, and investment fund formation, Max Drake counsels business entities and their owners through all stages of development, from startup, to growth financing, to ultimate sale. Clients rely on Max's practical general corporate and transactional advice, in addition to his extensive experience in complex acquisitions and sales, secured debt and structured finance transactions, and employment and compensation arrangements. Max also represents investment managers and broker-dealers in related transactions as well as in compliance matters with governmental authorities, including the SEC, FINRA and state securities regulators.

Max is recognized as a leading M&A lawyer by industry publications, including *The Legal 500*.

Notable Work

Healthcare Technology: Represented a leading manufacturer and network operator of healthcare kiosks in multiple acquisitions and combinations, debt and equity financings, and general corporate matters.

Investment Funds and Alternative Asset Management: Represented a leading investment manager operating in the peer-to-peer lending and small business loan sectors in the formation of its investment fund and subsequent sale of the investment manager to a UK-based financial services company.

UK Market Research Company: Represented a leading publicly-traded UK-based market research group in the acquisition of multiple businesses in the United States and in ongoing corporate and transactional advice.

Digital Production Company: Represented a leading digital production company with US and offshore operations in connection

Areas of Experience

Corporate
Corporate Finance and Lending
Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
Investment Management
M&A and Private Equity
Financial Services

Education

J.D., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 1993, cum laude, Order of the Coif, *Northwestern University Law Review*, Book Review and Research Editor and Published Contributor
A.B., Harvard University, 1987, magna cum laude

Admissions

Bars

Illinois
New York

Languages

French
Spanish

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with its equity and debt financings and subsequent sale to a major global publicly-traded consulting company.

Community Involvement

- Facets Multimedia, Board Member
- United States Court Tennis Association, Board Member

Published Work and Lectures

- *SRR Journal*, Author, “Non-Competition Covenants: Seller Considerations and Approaches,” Fall 2013

Honors and Distinctions

- *Leading Lawyers*, 2015, Listed in Chicago for Mergers & Acquisitions Law and Securities & Venture Finance Law
- *The Legal 500* 2017, Recommended for Mergers, Acquisitions & Buyouts: M&A National Middle Market