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Christopher DePizzo is a seasoned transactional attorney specializing in advising private equity firms and their portfolio companies, as well as other public and private entities, on a wide array of complex transactions. His expertise encompasses platform and add-on acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, carve-outs, strategic mergers, minority and emerging company investments, dispositions, special situations transactions, and joint ventures. In addition to his transactional work, Chris provides counsel on various general commercial, corporate, and governance matters.

Throughout his career, Chris has represented principal parties in mergers and acquisitions across diverse industries, including manufacturing, consumer goods, biotechnology, energy, software, retail, and sports. His experience spans the corporate life cycle, representing companies from innovative startups to international market leaders.

Notable Work

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm and its portfolio companies in nine acquisitions and two divestitures.

Global Chemical Company: Represented a global chemical company in its negotiation of an innovative facility and supply agreement related to the domestic research and manufacturing of semiconductors.

Private Equity Fund: Represented a private equity fund in its acquisition of a wooden pallet manufacturer.

Global Manufacturing Company: Represented a privately held global manufacturing company in multiple domestic acquisitions.

Restaurant Group: Represented a Mid-Atlantic restaurant group in its procurement of growth capital from a regional private equity fund focused on franchising.

Areas of Experience

Corporate
M&A and Private Equity
Corporate Governance
Investment Management
Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
Sports and Entertainment Law

Education

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2012
B.A., Saint Peter's University, 2009, summa cum laude

Admissions

Bars

New York
Ohio

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Nonprofit, Family Office, and Funded Investors: Represented multiple strategic, nonprofit, family office, and funded investors (both in lead and minority roles) in numerous domestic and foreign (UK, Asia, and Europe) convertible debt offerings and early-stage equity financings.

Pharmaceutical Manufacturer: Represented a privately held pharmaceutical manufacturer in the prospective \$8 billion sale to a global pharmaceutical company.

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm in the sale of an organic baby products manufacturer to an international consumer goods company.

Vehicle, Parts, and Services Company: Represented a recreational vehicle, parts, and services company in its UP-C initial public offering of \$32.6 million of common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Software Technology Company: Represented an early-growth enterprise data masking software technology company in its sale to a “unicorn” private data management and infrastructure company.

Governing Body of U.S. Soccer: Represented the official governing body of soccer in the United States in their hosting of a 2016 international men’s soccer tournament.

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm in its potential \$367 million acquisition of a waste disposal, storage, and treatment facility.

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm in its \$2.1 billion joint venture acquisition of four power plants from a public electric utility.

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm in its \$800 million joint venture acquisition of a petroleum refining company.

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm in its \$100 million acquisition of certain wind assets.

Energy Services and Delivery Company: Represented an energy services and delivery company in its acquisition, formation, and initial public offering on the NYSE, of a diversified energy and utility company with \$30 billion in assets.

Logistics Company: Represented a privately held logistics company in its \$350 million sale to a family-owned transportation company.

Public Company: Represented a public company in its over \$2 billion acquisition of an American group of specialty apparel retail chain stores for women.

Hedge Fund: Represented a U.S.-based hedge fund in connection with its £14 million purchase of a shopping center in the United Kingdom.

International Pharmaceutical and Chemical Company: Represented an international pharmaceutical and chemical company in its \$270 million acquisition of a manufacturing facility in the United States.

Private Equity Firm: Represented a private equity firm in its \$37 million acquisition of an asset-light automotive logistics technology

company.

Global Financial Information and Services Company: Represented a global financial information and services company in its \$18 million sale of a secure open-messaging platform to a technology company.

High-Net-Worth Individual: Represented a high-net-worth individual in the creation and funding of an intellectual property joint venture with a world-renowned professional athlete.

Healthcare Products Company: Represented a Fortune 500 healthcare products company in connection with its global reorganization.

European Gene Therapy Company: Represented a privately held European gene therapy company in its acquisition of certain American-held neurobiologic assets.

University Hospital System: Represented an East Coast university hospital system in connection with its acquisition of several physician practices and healthcare facilities as part of a statewide roll-up strategy.

Affiliations

- Saint Peter's University, Board of Trustees, 2009-2010; Board of Regents, 2015-2018

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2025, Listed in New York as "One to Watch" for Mergers and Acquisitions Law