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Palash I. Pandya serves as the Co-Deputy Chair of the Corporate Practice Group. With more than 20 years of experience, Palash advises private equity funds and public and private companies, in mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, growth equity investments, joint ventures, tender offers, spin-offs and venture capital investments. He also represents portfolio companies of private equity clients in their corporate transactions and general corporate matters.

With broad capital markets experience, he also represents public companies in public and private debt and equity securities transactions, including initial and secondary public equity offerings and Rule 144A and registered debt offerings. In addition, he counsels public companies with securities law compliance, SEC reporting requirements, and corporate governance matters.

Palash’s experience spans many industry sectors, including restaurant, technology, business services, telecommunications, healthcare, retail and apparel, giving him a unique awareness of the nuanced business challenges that clients face. His multidimensional skill set enables him to provide creative and practical solutions to complex matters.

As a leader within the firm, Palash is a member of Akerman’s Board of Directors and co-chair of the firm’s Professional Development Committee.

Notable Work

M&A

Private Equity Technology Acquisition: Represented a portfolio company of a private equity firm in connection with multiple acquisitions of software related businesses.

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Areas of Experience

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Distressed Transactions and Corporate Restructuring
- Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
- M&A and Private Equity
- Restaurant
- Financial Services
- Staffing Law

Education

- J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2002
- B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1998

Admissions

Bars

- New York

Related Content

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of an online education business.

Private Equity Technology Acquisition: Represented a private equity firm in the acquisition of a cloud hosting business.

Private Equity Growth Equity Investment - Consumer: Represented a private equity firm in connection with an investment in an omni channel retail platform.

Technology Acquisition: Represented private company in connection with multiple acquisitions of software related businesses.

Restaurant Acquisition: Represented Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. in connection with the acquisition of 165 Burger King restaurants and 55 Popeyes restaurants from Cambridge Franchise Holdings, LLC.

Restaurant Acquisition: Represented Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. in connection with the acquisition of 278 Burger King restaurants from Burger King Corporation.

Restaurant Disposition: Represented Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. in connection with the sale of Taco Cabana.

Retail Disposition: Represented For Eyes, a multistate optical company, in the sale of its business to GrandVision.

Business Services Acquisition: Represented a U.S. based global consulting firm, in connection with multiple acquisitions of professional services firms.

Telecommunications Acquisition: Represented HC2 Holdings, Inc. (now known as INNOVATE Corp.) in connection with the acquisition of a controlling interest of DTV America Corporation, an aggregator and operator of low power television licenses and stations across the U.S, and certain assets of Mako Communications.

Healthcare Disposition: Represented a home health care company in the sale of its business to a private equity sponsor.

Industrials Acquisition: Represented a publicly listed company in the MRO space in connection with a \$349 million acquisition of subsidiary of a publicly listed company.

Financial Services Disposition: Represented a private investment management firm in connection with a \$80 million sale to an international financial institution.

Capital Markets

Public Company Spin Off: Represented Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. in the spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

Rule 144A Offering: Represented Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. in connection with multiple Rule 144A debt offerings.

Initial Public Offering:

- Represented MiX Telematics Limited in connection with a \$115 million initial public offering of American Depositary Shares.

- Represented Carrols Restaurant, Inc. in connection with a \$143 million initial public offering of common stock.

Public Equity Offering:

- Represented Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. in connection with a \$142 million offering of common stock.
- Represented Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. in connection with a \$71.3 million offering of common stock.
- Represented a public company issuer and selling stockholders in connection with a public offering of \$139.5 million of common stock.
- Represented a public company issuer and selling stockholders in connection with a public offering of \$166 million of common stock.

Published Work and Lectures

- Akerman Labor & Employment Law Summit, Co-Moderator, “Hot Topic L&E Considerations in a M&A Transaction,” May 2, 2024
- The Akerman PERSpectives Report, Q1 - 2018

Affiliations

- Association for Corporate Growth, New York Chapter, Board of Directors, Secretary
- New York City Bar Association, Securities Regulation Committee, 2022-Present
- South Asian Bar Association of New York, Board of Directors, 2012-2016

Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2014-2016, Listed in New York as a “Rising Star” for Securities & Corporate Finance
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow, 2015