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OVERVIEW

Luke Kessel is an associate in the firm's Charlotte office. He is a member of the Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions practice group. Luke focuses his practice on general corporate law matters across a wide range of industries, including financial and business services, technology, retail, and transportation. Luke also assists clients in emerging growth and venture capital transactions, private equity matters, and corporate governance.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Luke served as a summer law clerk for the Tennessee Attorney General's Office. Through this role, Luke drafted several memoranda for civil and criminal cases in the Law Enforcement and Special Prosecutions division and assisted with appellate hearings in state and federal court involving the death penalty and the opioid crisis. Luke also served as a summer associate in the firm's Charlotte office.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 2022 (*Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, *Executive Article Selection Editor*; *Dean's Scholar*)
- B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2019 (*with Highest Distinction*; *with Honors*; *Phi Beta Kappa*)
- M.S.F., Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management, 2022

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented HemaSource, a Salt Lake City, Utah-based technology-enabled specialty logistics solution provider and medical supply distributor to all 50 states, and Ridgemont Equity Partner, a Charlotte, North Carolina-headquartered middle-market private equity firm, and its affiliated funds in connection with its investment in a continuation fund with Alpinvest US Holdings, LLC.
- Represented Myrtle Beach, South Carolina-based Showstopper, Inc., one of America's first, longest-running, and most prestigious youth dance competitions, in connection with its sale to Ensemble Performing Arts Intermediate LLC.
- Represented a subsidiary of an international publishing and education company headquartered in London, England providing traditional publishing services as well as education services, including textbooks and online testing and tutoring software in connection with its sale of a line of language study works for an aggregate amount equal to US\$7 million to a US-based language education company.
- Represented Mattur Holdings, Inc., a Scottsdale, Arizona-based cutting-edge renewable energy company whose mission is to produce sustainable electricity that accelerates the globe to 100% clean energy in connection with an equity financing of common stock to Outlier Holdings.
- Represented a Boston, Massachusetts life insurance company and affiliated funds in connection with an aggregate US\$95 million unsecured mezzanine debt facility and a significant equity co-investment.
- Represented Hadley Capital Fund IV LP, a private equity firm based in Illinois and Nashville, and its affiliated funds in connection with its acquisition of Interstate Fabrications, L.L.C.