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OVERVIEW

John Elgar is a partner in the London office's corporate practice group. He advises on a wide range of corporate transactions including acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, media rights and licensing deals, takeovers, flotations, rights issues, other fund raisings and capital reorganizations, across a number of sectors, including financial services and banking, sports, leisure and betting & gaming.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

John qualified as a lawyer in 1982. He joined the firm in 1985.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* edition as a Recommended Lawyer for M&A: lower mid-market deals, £100m-£750m in London, 2024

EDUCATION

- B.A., Worcester College, Oxford, 1978 *Modern History (Hons)*

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

NEWS & EVENTS

- 22 June 2023, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Throughout Europe Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 25 March 2019, K&L Gates Advises Tax Systems plc on £114 Million Recommended Cash Acquisition by Bowmark Capital

- 20 November 2018, K&L Gates is Advising ZEAL Network on Lotto24 Exchange Offer
- 5 July 2017, K&L Gates Advises Aser Group on Acquisition of Leeds United's Elland Road Stadium
- 18 January 2017, K&L Gates Advises Aser Group on Acquisition of 50 Percent Shareholding in Leeds United

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

- Betting and Gaming
- Consumer Products

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for Federated Investors Inc on their acquisition of the entire issued share capital of HGPE Capital Limited.
- Acting for Arena Leisure on its £200m+ sale to Aldersgate Investments Limited.
- Acting for Arena Racing on the establishment of The Racing Partnership ("TRP", a Joint Venture for the distribution of Media Rights), and for TRP in relation to the sale of such rights to bookmakers, including the establishment of the TRP service for independent bookmakers.
- Acting for Arena Racing on their acquisition of GRA Limited.
- Acting for Arena Racing on their acquisition of Nottingham Greyhound Stadium.
- Acting for Arena Racing on their acquisition of 45% of i-Neda Limited.
- Advising ZEAL Network SE on UK aspects of business combination with Lotto24 AG.
- Advising ZEAL Network SE on UK aspects of relocation of ZEAL Network SE from UK to Germany.
- Advising Habib Allied International Bank on its purchase of Habibsons Bank, and the subsequent merger (though a banking business transfer scheme) of Habibsons Bank with Habib Allied International Bank.
- Acting for Arena Leisure in the acquisition of various racecourses, including those at Lingfield Park, Folkestone, Wolverhampton, Southwell and Windsor, and in its arrangements with Doncaster Council for the acquisition of control of Doncaster Racecourse, home of the St Leger.
- Acting for Greenfield in the acquisition of 50% of the shares of Leeds United FC and subsequent purchase of the remaining 50%.

- Acting for Leisure Parks Limited in its £74m acquisition of the Blackpool Tower and other leisure assets comprised in the resorts division of First Leisure Corporation, and on the sale of the Blackpool Tower and other assets to Blackpool Borough Council in 2010.
- Acting for NEP Group, Inc on their acquisition of Avesco Holdings PLC.
- Acting for Federated Investors Inc on their acquisition of 60% of the Issued Share Capital of Hermes Fund Managers Limited from BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited.