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OVERVIEW

Ashby Hardesty is an associate in the corporate group of the firm's New York office. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, transactional work, and general corporate matters.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

During law school, Ashby interned in the legal department of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). Additionally, he was a judicial intern for the Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and for the Lord Chief Justice of the Northern Ireland Royal Courts. Ashby was a summer associate for the firm in 2013.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinder, Class of 2018
- LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York

EDUCATION

- J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 2014 (*cum laude*; *Associate Editor, Fordham Law Review*)
- B.A., Columbia University, 2008

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New Jersey
- Bar of New York

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 30 October 2018, Court of Chancery Judicially Validates Company's Ratification of Defective Corporate Acts, Therefore Rejecting Bid to Unwind Merger (*Research Surveys*)
- 16 March 2018, Court of Chancery Clarifies Method of Determining Specific Advancements (*Research Surveys*)
- 8 August 2016, In an Appraisal Action, Chancery Court Uses Its "Significant Discretion" to Determine that Stock Sold Was Undervalued by Approximately 7% (*Research Surveys*)
- 12 February 2016, Chancery Court Finds that Its Broad Authority to Validate Defective Corporate Acts Could Conceivably Compel a Corporation to Sell \$5 Million of Stock Without Board Authorization or a Written Agreement (*Research Surveys*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 November 2017, K&L Gates Advises Boralex on Joint Venture for 325 MW Onshore Wind Projects in the UK (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 1 June 2016, K&L Gates Advises Cascades Inc. in Packaging Plant Purchase from Rand-Whitney (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a renewables-focused private equity firm in its sale of a hydroelectric power producer.
- Represented a private equity firm in its acquisition of a digital media company.
- Represented a publicly-traded German energy company and its affiliate in the auction sale of a wood pellet production plant in the Southeastern United States.
- Represented a registered investment advisor in its purchase of assets from another registered investment advisor.
- Represented a publicly traded pulp and paper company in its acquisition of assets of a bankrupt paper company via Chapter 11 auction proceeding.
- Represented a publicly-traded independent power producer in multiple acquisitions of wind power projects in France and Scotland.
- Represented a publicly-traded independent power producer in its joint venture transaction with a European renewable energy developer.

- Represented a Spanish-language media company through a corporate restructuring to facilitate the company's participation in a government auction of broadcast spectrum.
- Represented a publicly-traded industrial products conglomerate in its acquisition of a tungsten/tungsten carbide products manufacturer.
- Represented a publicly-traded pulp and paper company in its acquisition of a corrugated packaging plant.