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OVERVIEW

Jonathan Barron is a corporate and securities lawyer in the New York office of K&L Gates. His practice focuses on various corporate and securities law matters, including mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions, commercial contracts, and advising public companies on securities law compliance, securities offerings, and corporate governance. Jonathan's practice also includes advising private equity firms, investment fund managers, service providers and portfolio companies on a wide variety of transactions, including seeding arrangements, investment manager M&A transactions, and other corporate and finance-related matters.

Jonathan has worked extensively with many clients in the generic pharmaceutical industry on U.S. and cross-border development, supply and other commercial contracts. On the M&A side, he represented an NYSE-listed pharmaceutical manufacturer in the acquisition of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) and related assets, and an international pharmaceutical company which purchased ANDAs and related assets as part of an FTC ordered divestiture.

Jonathan has represented a major financial institution in the negotiation of an exclusive co-branded credit card agreement. He has also advised borrowers and lenders on secured credit facilities, including one secured by IP held in a special purpose vehicle and others secured by solar renewable energy credits. He has represented established and start-up private companies in preferred stock offerings and also public companies in various PIPE offerings.

Jonathan has experience negotiating various agreements in the merchant cash advance (MCA) industry. He has also advised clients on services, supply, and consulting agreements across various industries, including programmatic advertising, software development, and the Internet of Things (IoT).

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

During law school, Jonathan was a summer associate at K&L Gates. Prior to law school, he was a mathematics teacher in New York City.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 2009 (*Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar*)
- M.A., City College of New York, 2004 (*with honors*)
- B.S., University of Michigan, 2002 (*with honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York

LANGUAGES

- English

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Author, The Practice Guide to PIPEs, *LexisNexis* (2017-2018)
- Contributing Author, Securities Practice Guide, *LexisNexis* (2017-2018)
- Note, *Amending No Child Left Behind to Prevent School Rezoning and Resegregation: A Response to the Tuscaloosa City Schools*, 42 COLUM. J.L. & SOC. PROBS. 373 (2009)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 August 2023, K&L Gates Assists Sentiss Pharma in Acquisition of Akorn AG Switzerland
- 16 May 2023, K&L Gates Assists Presidio Investors on ElevATE Semiconductor Continuation Fund
- 28 July 2022, K&L Gates Advises Security Matters Limited on Scheme of Arrangement, De-SPAC and Merger with Lionheart III Corp.
- 29 December 2021 , K&L Gates Advises SeaChange on Merger Forming \$5 Billion Public Video App Business
- 29 December 2021 , K&L Gates Advises Gorilla Technology Group Inc. on Proposed Merger with Global SPAC Partners Co.
- 10 June 2021, K&L Gates Advises Spartacus Acquisition Corporation on Merger with NextNav
- 1 December 2020, K&L Gates Advises The Goldfield Corporation on Merger with First Reserve
- 26 December 2019, K&L Gates Counsels Brooge Holdings and Brooge Petroleum and Gas Investment Company on Combination with Twelve Seas Investment Company

- 29 April 2019, K&L Gates Cross-Platform Team Advises LG Household & Healthcare Company in Acquisition Agreement with New Avon LLC
- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Equity

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Sentiss AG in connection with its bid for and acquisition of the Swiss operations and certain other assets of Akorn AG
- Represented investors in a private exchange offer for a public company's debt securities
- Represented a New York family office in both debt and equity financings
- Represented a private equity service provider in the sale of its assets to an international competitor
- Advising US-listed companies and shareholders on Securities Act and Exchange Act compliance and various corporate governance matters
- Represented a connected home technology company in a structured credit facility secured by a IP special purpose vehicle
- Represented several private companies in preferred stock financings
- Represented a major financial institution in the negotiation of an exclusive co-branded credit card agreement.
- Represented an NYSE-listed pharmaceutical manufacturer in the acquisition of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) and related assets for two generic pharmaceutical drugs
- Represented a regional insurance broker in the sale of its assets to a national broker
- Represented an international pharmaceutical company which purchased ANDAs and related assets as part of an FTC ordered divestiture
- Represented multiple publicly traded corporations in PIPE transactions

- Represented an international investment bank in two structured credit facilities secured by solar renewable energy credits
- Represented shareholders of a publicly traded optical retail company in a "going private" transaction
- Advising a national television, radio and digital media firm on commercial contract issues
- Advising US-listed companies and shareholders on Securities Act and Exchange Act compliance and various corporate governance matters Represented stock exchange listed companies in conducting reverse stock splits