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Education

LL.M., Columbia University
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Bar Admissions

New York
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Languages

English
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Lorenzo Corte serves as a global head of the firm's transactions practices, focusing on its international offices, and as a member of its Policy Committee.

Mr. Corte advises clients on cross-border public and private M&A transactions. His experience includes several "market firsts" and encompasses contested takeovers in the U.S. and Europe, special committee representations, financial sponsor transactions, and private sales and acquisitions. He also has significant experience advising a variety of public companies on complex corporate governance issues.

Throughout his career, Mr. Corte has acted on some of the most complex, closely watched and market-moving deals across multiple sectors and jurisdictions, including advising:

- International Paper Company in its \$9.9 billion contested all-equity offer to acquire U.K.-based DS Smith
- Adevinta and its special committee in the \$15 billion takeover offer to acquire all of Adevinta's shares by a consortium led by Permira and Blackstone
- Danaher Corporation in its \$5.6 billion offer to acquire Abcam
- Adevinta in its \$9.2 billion acquisition of eBay Classifieds Group from eBay
- Intel Corporation in its \$15.3 billion acquisition of Mobileye
- Arcelor in its \$22.8 billion unsolicited bid by Mittal Steel Company and their subsequent \$33.8 billion merger
- VimpelCom (now VEON) in its \$30 billion exchange offer for VimpelCom and simultaneous business combination with Kiyvstar

Mr. Corte regularly advises financial sponsors on their investments and divestments in Europe, and has completed a number of transactions in the technology, energy (including renewables), media and retail sectors — including for Silver Lake Partners, Black Diamond and Investindustrial, as well as several family offices based in Europe, the Middle East and the U.S.

He represents strategic investors in connection with cross-border acquisitions, joint ventures and sales of privately owned companies and assets in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the U.S. and the CIS region.

Mr. Corte has completed transactions for, among others, Adevinta, Anheuser-Busch, Arcelor, Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure, Cinépolis, Danaher Corporation, Engen/Petronas, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Kellogg Company, Intel Corporation, Moody's Corporation, Mylan, NTT DoCoMo, Nomura, ST Microelectronics N.V., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International and Validus Holdings.

In addition, Mr. Corte heads Skadden's Italian practice, which was named international Italian Desk of the Year by *TopLegal* in five of the last seven years. He has represented Italian clients such as Assicurazioni Generali, Barilla, Brembo, Cattolica Assicurazioni, Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini, Finmeccanica, Gentium, Luxottica Group, Poltroneseofa, Stevanato and the Ministry of Treasury of the Republic of Italy.

Throughout his career, Mr. Corte also has worked on a number of equity and debt capital markets transactions, including the initial public offerings of Stevanato and ENEL, both listed on the NYSE.

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He lectures and participates in seminars related to his practice and is an adjunct professor in international M&A at Fordham Law School.

He was named one of *Financial News*' Fifty Most Influential Lawyers in 2023 and 2022 and *Best Lawyers*' 2023 Mergers and Acquisitions Law London Lawyer of the Year. He is recommended as a leading individual in *Chambers Global*, *IFLR1000*, *The Legal 500 UK*, *Best Lawyers in the UK*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers UK*, which cites sources describing Mr. Corte as "instrumental in devising some incredibly innovative structuring" and stating "I would bet the bank on him."

Recent Publications

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Co-author, "Activist Investing in Europe," *Activist Insight*, 2019

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