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Education

B.A., Jurisprudence, St. Anne's College,
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College of Law, Chancery Lane, 1990
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Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England & Wales
Solicitor, Hong Kong SAR

John Adebiyi focuses on corporate matters, particularly public and private mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. In addition, he advises clients on the U.K. national security aspects of transactions, including those involving companies in the defense and aerospace sectors.

Matters in which Mr. Adebiyi has been involved include representing:

Corporate Transactional Matters

- NCR Corporation in its US\$1.7 billion acquisition of Cardtronics plc;
- Raymond James Financial, Inc. in its US\$387 million acquisition of Charles Stanley Group plc;
- CME Group Inc. in its joint venture with IHS Markit Ltd. to combine their post-trade services;
- Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. in its initial US\$1 billion acquisition of a 66.7% interest in Silversea Cruises and its subsequent acquisition of the remaining 33.3% interest in the company;
- Nasdaq, Inc. in its approximately US\$795 million offer to acquire Oslo Børs VPS Holding ASA;
- Armstrong World Industries, Inc. in the US\$330 million sale of its EMEA and Pacific Rim businesses to Knauf International GmbH;
- DH Private Equity Partners and Middenberm Group in the US\$2 billion sale of TMF Group Holding B.V. to funds advised by CVC Capital Partners Limited;
- Trip.com in its:
 - US\$1.7 billion acquisition of Skyscanner Holdings Limited; and
 - acquisition of a 70% stake in Travelfusion Ltd., a provider of software for the travel industry;
- Doughty Hanson & Co. in its US\$1.65 billion sale of LM Wind Power A/S to General Electric Company;
- Formation Capital's investee company HC-One in its acquisition of Helen McArdle Care from HMC Group; and
- Nomura Holdings, Inc. in the acquisition of both the Asia Pacific franchise and the European and Middle East equities and investment banking units of Lehman Brothers — selected as Deal of the Year by *Asian-Counsel* magazine and as Restructuring Deal of the Year by *International Financial Law Review*.

National Security Matters

- Cobham Limited, a portfolio company of Advent International Corporation, on the U.K. national security aspects of its US\$3.6 billion acquisition of Ultra Electronics Holdings plc;
- CPI International, Inc., a portfolio company of Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC, in its acquisition of TMD Technologies Ltd, a leading provider of technologically advanced equipment for radar, electronic warfare, communications and other applications; and
- Veritas Capital in its:
 - US\$1.35 billion sale of Abaco Systems, Inc., a provider of computing and electronic systems for aerospace, defense and specialized industrial markets; and
 - US\$2.8 billion acquisition, along with Evergreen Coast Capital Corporation, of Cubic Corporation, a leading provider of live, virtual, constructive and game-based training solutions for U.S. and allied forces.

Mr. Adebiyi has repeatedly been selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Chambers UK* and *Best Lawyers in the UK*, in addition to being repeatedly recognized as a Highly Regarded lawyer in *IFLR1000*. Mr. Adebiyi also was named a key lawyer by *The Legal 500 UK 2020*.

Publications

Co-author, "UK's New National Security Review Regime To Come Into Force in January 2022," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, July 26, 2021

Co-author, "UK's National Security and Investment Bill Becomes Law," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 30, 2021

Co-author, "UK Government Provides Greater Clarity on New National Security Screening Rules," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, March 9, 2021

Co-author, "UK Government Introduces New Regime for Screening Foreign Direct Investment," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, November 11, 2020

Co-author, "UK Amends Enterprise Act 2002 To Protect Businesses Critical to Addressing Public Health Emergencies, Extends Powers To Protect Companies and Technologies," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, June 2020

Co-author, "Moss Bros: The Difficulty of Invoking MAC Conditions in UK Public Takeovers," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 2020

Co-author, "Skadden Discusses How COVID-19 Prompts EU Nations to Protect Against Foreign M&A," *The CLS Blue Sky Blog*, April 2020

Co-author, "Crisis Prompts European Countries To Step Up Protections Against Foreign M&A," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 2020

Co-author, "Answers to AGM Questions Raised by the COVID-19 Pandemic," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, March 2020

Co-author, "EU Adopts Regulation on Foreign Direct Investments," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, July 2019

Co-author, "M&A in a Changing World," *International Comparative-Legal Guide to: Mergers & Acquisitions 2017*, February 2017

"Hong Kong Public M&A: Time for a New Approach?" *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, June 2013

"U.K. Takeover Panel Publishes Response to Consultation on Certain Aspects of the Takeover Code," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, October 2010