

Partner, Palo Alto

Mergers and Acquisitions; Corporate



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## Education

J.D., The University of Chicago Law School, 2008

B.S., University of Southern California, 2005 (*magna cum laude*)

## Bar Admissions

California

## Recognition

2024 Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers*

Christopher J. Bors represents public and private companies in complex domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, carve-outs and joint ventures, as well as a broad variety of other commercial and contractual matters.

Mr. Bors' experience includes representing clients across a wide array of industries, with a particular emphasis on technology, semiconductor, private equity, AI and life sciences. Representative matters include:

### Technology Transactions

- Activision Blizzard Inc. in its \$75 billion acquisition by Microsoft Corporation
- Western Digital in the pending split of its hard disk drive and NAND memory businesses, creating two separate public companies
- Intel Corporation in its \$15.3 billion acquisition of Mobileye, N.V., and Mobileye Global Inc.'s \$1 billion initial public offering and concurrent \$100 million private placement; \$11 billion joint venture with Apollo involving Intel's Fab 34 semiconductor manufacturing facility in Leixlip, Ireland, and subsequent \$14.2 billion agreement to repurchase from Apollo the 49% equity interest in the companies' joint venture in Ireland; and various other transactions
- Velodyne Lidar, Inc. in its merger of equals with Ouster, Inc.
- Trimble Inc. in its \$2 billion acquisition of Transporeon GmbH from Hg
- Coherent in its initially announced \$5.7 billion sale to Lumentum, followed by Coherent's subsequent responses to competing acquisition proposals from MKS Instruments, II-VI and Lumentum in a three-party bidding war culminating in Coherent's \$7.1 billion sale to II-VI
- Visa Inc. in its proposed but terminated \$5.3 billion acquisition of Plaid Inc.
- Wolt Enterprises Oy in its £7 billion acquisition by DoorDash, Inc.

### Private Equity

- Permira Funds in several transactions, including its \$1.75 billion acquisition of Duff & Phelps
- Silver Lake Partners in its acquisition of a majority stake in ServiceMax, Inc. from GE Digital LLC and subsequent acquisition of Zinc Inc.
- RPX Corporation in its \$555 million acquisition by HGGC
- a private equity firm-backed IT company in its acquisition of companies based in the U.S., Germany and Israel
- a private equity firm in its acquisition, with financial partners, of assets from a manufacturer and designer of composite structures for spacecraft and other high-tech applications

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## Other Representations

- Evercore as financial advisor to Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. in its \$5.5 billion acquisition by Broadcom Limited
- FirstMark Horizon Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company, in its merger with Starry, Inc. at an enterprise value of \$1.76 billion
- ACE Convergence Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company, in its \$919 million merger with Tempo Automation Inc.
- Crescent Acquisition Corp, a special purpose acquisition company, in its proposed but terminated business combination with F45 Training Holding Inc.
- Viking Cruises, Ltd. in its \$500 million investment from TPG Capital, L.P. and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

Other representative transactions prior to joining Skadden include, among others:

- a technology company in its divestiture of a web-based photo sharing and photo printing service, acquisition of a PAAS business and investment in an early stage cloud services company
- a semiconductor company in various acquisitions, divestitures and joint venture arrangements, including the divestiture of two security businesses, the acquisition of two startup companies developing leading-edge wearable technology, the acquisition of assets related to a variety of businesses and other strategic acquisitions
- a semiconductor company in an investment in a radio chip design company
- an electronic design automation company in its acquisition of a provider of customizable data plane processors
- a medical device company in its acquisition by a global health care company
- a pharmaceutical company in its acquisition of a developer of migraine treatment devices

In recognition of his work, Mr. Bors was named one of *Best Lawyers' 2024 Ones To Watch* and selected for inclusion in *Variety's 2023 Dealmakers Impact Report*, which highlights top attorneys working in film, television and digital media. During his time as a corporate associate at a prior firm, he was seconded on a part-time basis to a large technology company to serve as M&A counsel.