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Education

M.A. (Law), Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, 2006

Legal Practice Course, The College of Law Moorgate, London, 2007

Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England & Wales

Katja Butler is co-head of Skadden's U.K. corporate practice. She advises clients on all aspects of their investments, from initial acquisition to exit, and counsels on the execution of exit planning and co-investment terms. She also serves on Skadden's Policy Committee, its top governing body.

Ms. Butler, who is a key partner in Skadden's London and European financial sponsor practice, has been repeatedly ranked in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers UK* for Private Equity: Buyouts, in addition to being named one of *Private Equity News*' Twenty Most Influential Private Equity Lawyers (including in 2026).

Ms. Butler is regularly rated as a Leading Individual by *The Legal 500 UK*, in which she has been described by clients as "fantastic," "always available" and "excellent to work with," and is one of a handful of attorneys recognised as Notable Practitioners for Private Equity and M&A in the *IFLR1000* rankings.

Ms. Butler's representations include advising:

- Walkers, a leading international law firm, on the carve-out and strategic investment, alongside Vitruvian Partners, into its Walkers Professional Services (WPS) business
- Corient in:
 - the acquisitions of Stonehage Fleming and Stanhope Capital Group to create a US\$430 billion independent ultra-high-net-worth wealth manager
 - aspects of its acquisition of Bedrock Group, a Swiss-based independent multifamily office and wealth manager
- BlackRock:
 - as part of a consortium of investors, including Allianz and T&D Holdings, in the acquisition of Viridium Group at an enterprise value of €3.5 billion
 - in its acquisition of Prequin at an enterprise value of £2.55 billion
- Apax Global Alpha Limited in its US\$1 billion recommended acquisition by Janus Bidco Limited, an investment vehicle owned by Apax Partners LLP
- Willis Towers Watson in its formation of a greenfield joint venture with Bain Capital to relaunch its treaty reinsurance business
- Mona Kattan, co-founder of Huda Beauty LLC, in the carve-out sale of Huda Beauty's KAYALI fragrance business to General Atlantic
- Montagu Private Equity:
 - in the separation of its portfolio company DEAS into two business units and subsequent disposal of (i) the real estate services business of DEAS to PHM Denmark, a portfolio company of Norvestor, and (ii) the asset management services business of DEAS to Fokus Nordic AB, a portfolio company of BlackFin Capital Partners
 - in its sale of Covidence to EMK Capital LLP
 - and the other shareholders of Equatex in the €354 million disposal of Equatex to Computershare

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- JAB Holdings in:
 - its acquisition of SYNLAB VPG Limited
 - its acquisition of Cardif Pinnacle from BNP Paribas Cardif to form a strategic joint venture (the Pinnacle Pet Group) to deliver a range of pet insurance services throughout the U.K., EMEA and Latin America. Ms. Butler also advised on bolt-on transactions related to this matter, including a US\$1.4 billion investment in Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited's pet insurance business, the acquisition of AGILA Haustierversicherung AG from Aegidius Ruckversicherung AG and the acquisition of Veterfina Verzekeringsmaatschappij NV from its shareholders
 - Pinnacle Pet Group's acquisition of Animal Friends Insurance Services Limited from Correlation Risk Partners and Pinnacle Pet's joint venture with Correlation Risk Partners to acquire Waggel, Vet-AI, Biscuit Pet Care, Kozoo and other pet insurance companies
 - Hg:
 - in the sale, alongside EQT, of the majority shareholding in portfolio company Quantios to Vista Equity Partners
 - in the increased investment by Hg Saturn 3 Fund and Hg Saturn 4 Fund in IFS, alongside ADIA, CPPIB, EQT, TA Associates and other minority shareholders, valuing the business at €15 billion
 - in the sale of a co-controlling stake in IRIS Software Group Ltd to Leonard Green & Partners at an enterprise value of US\$4 billion (£3.15 billion) and the negotiation of consortium terms going forward
 - in the sale of a co-controlling stake in Azets AS to PAI Partners
 - in connection with its significant investment in IFS and Work-Wave businesses at a US\$10 billion valuation
 - in its further investment in Lyniate alongside other institutional clients of Hg
 - in its further investment in Litera
 - in its investment in Managed Markets Insights & Technology, LLC
 - in its sale of Mitrtech to Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, and on the terms of its continued minority investment in Mitrtech
 - its investment in Dext
 - in connection with its acquisition of Benevity, Inc. alongside General Atlantic, JMI Equity and the Benevity management team
 - in connection with its acquisition of Gen II Fund Services LLC as part of a consortium with General Atlantic and IHS Markit
 - in its investment in Hyperion Insurance Group Limited
 - in its co-investment arrangement with TA Associates in connection with its investment in global tax software provider Sovos through the Hg Saturn 2 fund
 - in its acquisition of a minority stake in Argus Media, an independent provider of energy and commodity price reporting
 - in its £410 million sale of U.K.-based visual effects producer Foundry to Roper Technologies, a U.S.-headquartered technology company specializing in niche markets
 - in its sale of a minority stake in portfolio company Visma to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
 - as lead investor in the US\$5.3 billion buyout of Visma, a leading provider of business software in the Nordic region. This was Europe's largest-ever software buyout
 - in its further €640 million investment in Visma
 - Litera, a portfolio company of Hg, in its acquisition of Kira Systems
 - Coty Inc. in:
 - its strategic partnership with KKR & Co. Inc., including the carve-out sale of 60% of its professional beauty and retail hair businesses to KKR at an enterprise value of US\$4.3 billion, and further sale of part of Coty's stake in the joint venture to KKR
 - the sale of its remaining 25.8% stake in Wella to KKR for initial cash consideration of US\$750 million
 - Castik Capital in:
 - the sale of approximately 25% of portfolio company Waterlogic Holdings Limited to British Columbia Investment Management Corporation
 - its acquisition of two IP management services and software companies, ipan Group and Delegate, and their subsequent merger with CPA Global, a portfolio company of Leonard Green Partners and Partners Group
 - its acquisition of AddSecure from Abry Partners
 - Pret A Manger Ltd, a portfolio company of JAB Holding Company LLC, in its acquisition of EAT Limited
 - HighQ in its sale to Thomson Reuters Corporation
 - Montagu portfolio companies, including Equatex, Open GI, Funeral Services Partners, Covidence and DEAS, in their capital structures
 - IRIS Software Group Ltd in its acquisition of FMP Global
 - Castik Capital portfolio company Waterlogic in bolt-on acquisitions and its capital structure
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