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Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2003

M.A., Johns Hopkins University, 2003

B.A., Johns Hopkins University, 1999

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

F. Joseph Ciani-Dausch has more than two decades of experience advising on the merger control and antitrust aspects of mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and investments representing hundreds of billions of dollars in transaction value, as well as on a broad range of Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Act and state premerger notification matters.

Mr. Ciani-Dausch's practice spans both the technical requirements of HSR compliance and the strategic antitrust counseling required as part of complex mergers and acquisitions, enabling him to advise clients throughout the entire transaction life cycle. He regularly advises on domestic and cross-border transactions, guiding clients through complex filing requirements and exemptions, preparing and managing HSR filings, and representing clients before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Department of Justice (DOJ).

Mr. Ciani-Dausch regularly collaborates with the firm's M&A attorneys across offices, providing strategic antitrust counsel on complex domestic and cross-border transactions. He also regularly coordinates simultaneous, multijurisdictional merger reviews in collaboration with the firm's attorneys around the world, with experience in matters involving regulatory authorities in the EU and Asia.

In addition, Mr. Ciani-Dausch has extensive experience counseling clients on distribution and pricing matters, including minimum advertised price (MAP) policies and supply arrangements. He regularly advises clients in the private equity, health care, food distribution, financial services, energy, professional services, media and technology sectors.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Ciani-Dausch has been named one of *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers.

Examples of Mr. Ciani-Dausch's M&A representations include:

- Cardinal Health in its:
  - $2.4 billion acquisition of Solaris Health
  - $1.1 billion acquisition of Advanced Diabetes Supply Group
  - $2.8 billion acquisition of a majority stake in GI Alliance
- Visa in its proposed $5.3 billion acquisition of Plaid
- Performance Food Group in its:
  - $2.1 billion acquisition of Cheney Brothers
  - $2 billion acquisition of Reinhart Foodservice
- WSP Global in its:
  - $3.3 billion acquisition of TRC Companies
  - $1.78 billion acquisition of POWER Engineers
  - $1.81 billion acquisition of John Wood Group's Environment & Infrastructure consulting business
- Trimble in the $2 billion sale of an 85% interest in its precision agriculture business to AGCO

- Eventbrite in its $500 million acquisition by Bending Spoons
- Theravance Biopharma in its $929 million acquisition by Zymeworks
- Lenovo Group Limited in the acquisition by its subsidiary of Infinidat Ltd.
- Netflix, Inc. in its acquisition of The Roald Dahl Story Company Limited
- The AES Corporation in its $10.7 billion acquisition by a consortium led by Global Infrastructure Partners and the EQT Infrastructure VI Fund
- ALLETE, Inc. in its $6.2 billion acquisition by a consortium including Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Global Infrastructure Partners
- Corix Infrastructure Inc., a portfolio company of British Columbia Investment Management Corporation, in its merger of equals with SouthWest Water Company Inc.
- Capgemini SE in its $3.3 billion acquisition of WNS (Holdings) Limited
- Zayo Group Holdings, Inc. in its $14.3 billion acquisition by affiliates of Digital Colony Partners, LP and EQT Infrastructure IV
- Embraer S.A. (Brazil) in the proposed $4.2 billion sale of an 80% stake in its commercial aircraft and services business to The Boeing Company
- HP Inc. in its $1.05 billion acquisition of Samsung's printer business
- DigitalGlobe, Inc. in its $900 million acquisition of GeoEye, Inc.
- Express Scripts, Inc. in its $29.1 billion acquisition of Medco Health Solutions

Mr. Ciani-Dausch has taught professional responsibility at Cornell Law School. He also has provided *pro bono* legal advice, including to a private group seeking to establish a public charter school in the District of Columbia and on immigration-related matters.