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J.D., New York University
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Michael A. Civale concentrates primarily on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, securities transactions and general corporate matters. Mr. Civale represents private equity firms, public and private acquirers, and target companies in a variety of U.S. and cross-border (with an emphasis on Brazil and Latin America) acquisitions, dispositions, tender offers, spin-offs, initial public offerings and restructurings. He has represented a wide variety of private equity sponsors supporting all aspects of their business activities, including acquisitions, dispositions, initial public offerings, add-on investments and financing transactions.

Mr. Civale was previously named by *The M&A Advisor* as one of the top 40 M&A professionals under the age of 40 in the United States. He is a member of the firm's Client Engagement Committee.

Mr. Civale has advised clients on numerous significant transactions, including:

- **Hillshire Brands Company** in the famed "meat wars," which included representing Hillshire in its proposed, but since terminated, \$6.6 billion acquisition of Pinnacle Foods Inc. and Hillshire's response to unsolicited acquisition offers made by Tyson Foods Inc. and Pilgrim's Pride Corp. that concluded with Tyson's \$8.55 billion acquisition of Hillshire (at a 70% premium to Hillshire's unaffected price). This deal was chosen as a "standout" for Expanding Clients' Business by the *Financial Times* in its North America Innovative Lawyers report
- **Burger King Holdings, Inc.** in its \$4 billion acquisition by 3G Capital Partners, a private equity firm, in a going-private transaction, which was honored as the Private Equity Deal of the Year by *International Financial Law Review*
- **Bruce Sherman**, as lead investor of a consortium, in the \$1.2 billion acquisition of the Miami Marlins Major League Baseball franchise from Jeffrey Loria, after which Mr. Sherman became the chairman, principal owner and control person of the Marlins. This transaction was featured in *Law360's* profile of Skadden as an M&A Group of the Year
- **Mubadala Investment Company PJSC** as one of the lead co-investors with Silver Lake in the going-private acquisition of Endeavor Group Holdings, Inc. at an enterprise value of \$25 billion
- **Edgar Bronfman, Jr.** in his proposed (but terminated) \$6 billion topping bid proposal to acquire Paramount Global
- **Anbang Insurance Group Co., Ltd.** as lead member of an investor group in its proposed, unsolicited and since terminated \$14 billion acquisition of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., which, if completed, would have been the largest acquisition of a U.S. company by a Chinese buyer
- **Banco BTG Pactual S.A.**, Brazil's largest independent investment bank, as regular outside counsel supporting all aspects of its business and in many significant transactions, including: **BTG Investments** in its \$2.5 billion acquisition of the investment bank Banco UBS Pactual from UBS AG; **BTG Pactual** in its \$1.8 billion private placement of a minority interest to a consortium of international investors including the Government of Singapore Investment Corp., China Investment Corporation, Abu Dhabi Investment Council, Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board and J.C. Flowers & Co.; **Banco BTG Pactual S.A.** and **BTG Pactual Participations** as U.S. legal adviser in their \$1.95 billion initial public offering (the first IPO by an investment bank in Brazil); **Banco BTG Pactual** in several acquisitions

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- and dispositions, including the purchase of Celfin Capital SA (Chile) to create the largest independent investment bank in Latin America, the purchase of Bolsa y Renta S.A., the largest stock-broker in Colombia, the purchase of BSI S.A., a Swiss-based private banking group with approximately \$100 billion of assets under management, for \$1.7 billion, the sale of BSI S.A. to EFG International AG, the purchase of Ariel Reinsurance, a property and casualty reinsurance company and the sale of ArielRe to Argo Group
- **Castillo Hermanos**, a family-owned conglomerate based in Guatemala, and Centerview Capital Holdings, LLC in their pending acquisition of Harvest Hill Beverage Co., owner of iconic brands such as SunnyD® and Juicy Juice®, from private equity firm Brynwood Partners
 - **Danaher Corporation** in its \$13.8 billion acquisition of Pall Corporation
 - **C6 Bank**, a full-service Brazilian digital bank, in its sale of a 40% stake to affiliates of JPMorgan Chase
 - **GX Acquisition Corp.**, a special purpose acquisition company, in its \$1.25 billion initial business combination with Celularity Inc., a clinical stage biotechnology company
 - **Estre Ambiental, S.A.**, the largest waste management company in Brazil and Latin America, in its \$1.1 billion initial business combination with Boulevard Acquisition Corp. II, a special purpose acquisition company sponsored by affiliates of Avenue Capital Group
 - **Juggernaut Capital Partners**, a private equity firm, in the sale of its portfolio company Mitchell & Ness, a sports apparel company, to Fanatics Inc. and a group of celebrities, including Jay-Z
 - the management team of **Pattern Energy Group Inc.**, led by CEO Michael Garland, in the \$6.1 billion take-private of Pattern by Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and the concurrent combination with Pattern Energy Group Holdings 2 LP (Pattern Development)
 - a consortium consisting of **WL Ross & Co., The Blackstone Group, The Carlyle Group, Centerbridge Capital Partners** and a management team led by **John Kanas**, the former chief executive officer of North Fork Bank, in their \$900 million acquisition of the banking operations of BankUnited in an FDIC auction, which was honored as the Private Equity Deal of the Year by *International Financial Law Review*, and the subsequent initial public offering of **BankUnited, Inc.**
 - **Trane Inc.** in its \$10.1 billion acquisition by Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited
 - **Dover Corporation** in the spin-off of Knowles Corporation, which has a market capitalization in excess of \$2 billion and holds certain of Dover's communication technologies businesses
 - **Engelhart Commodities Trading Partners**, a global commodities trading business, in its acquisition of Trailstone, a global energy and technology company, from Riverstone
 - **American Standard Companies** in the spin-off of its vehicle control systems business, WABCO, into a new publicly traded company, and in the \$1.745 billion sale of its global bath and kitchen business to Bain Capital Partners LLC, a private equity firm
 - **Kelso & Company**, a private equity firm, in:
 - its \$1.6 billion leveraged buyout of Nortek, Inc., and in the subsequent \$1.75 billion sale of Nortek to Thomas H. Lee Partners, a private equity firm
 - its acquisition of a co-controlling stake in Progressive Solutions from affiliates of StonePoint, as well as Kelso and affiliates of **StonePoint** in their concurrent acquisition of PMSI to create Helios, a leading workers compensation PBM. Additionally, Mr. Civale advised Kelso and StonePoint in their subsequent sale of Helios to OptumRx, the PBM unit of UnitedHealth Group
 - its \$385 million leveraged buyout of Insurance Auction Auctions, Inc. (IAAI), followed by representation of a consortium of private equity firms, including Kelso, **GS Capital Partners**, an affiliate of Goldman Sachs, **ValueAct Capital** and **Parthenon Capital**, in their \$3.7 billion purchase of Adesa, Inc. in a going-private transaction and subsequent combination with IAAI, followed by the initial public offering of **KAR Auction Services Inc.** (the holding company of IAAI and Adesa), followed by the sale of the consortium's equity stake in KAR completed through a series of six secondary offerings
 - its acquisition of Physicians Endoscopy, the leading developer, owner and manager of endoscopic surgery centers in the U.S., from Pamlico Capital, a private equity firm
 - a series of transactions resulting in the creation of Foundation Consumer, an owner of over-the-counter products, including the acquisition of Plan B One-Step and other brands from Teva Pharmaceuticals and the acquisition of seven brands, including Breathe Right Nasal Strips, from GSK Consumer Healthcare
 - **Braskem S.A.**, Brazil's largest petrochemical company, in its \$323 million acquisition of Dow Chemical's global polypropylene business
 - **American Express Company** in its \$300 million acquisition of Revolution Money, Inc.
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- **Chiquita Brands International** in its \$855 million purchase of the Fresh Express division of Performance Food Group
 - **Honeywell, Inc.** in its \$2.4 billion purchase of Novar, Inc., its \$425 million sale of the Indalex Aluminum Solutions business to private equity firm Sun Capital and its \$800 million sale of Security Printing, Inc. to M&F Worldwide
 - **DLJ Merchant Banking Partners**, a private equity firm, in its failed attempt to reorganize and acquire Trump Hotels & Casino
 - **Trimaran Capital**, a private equity firm, in its acquisition of Standard Steel from Citicorp Mezzanine Partners and subsequent sale of Standard Steel to Sumitomo Metal Industries
 - the **management teams of various private equity portfolio companies** (including **Michael Foods Inc.** and **Skillsoft PLC**) in their negotiations of equity incentive arrangements with the private equity sponsors such as GS Capital Partners, Berkshire Partners LLC, Advent International Corporation and Bain Capital Partners, LLC