

Partner, Chicago

Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity; Corporate Governance



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Education

J.D., Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, (*summa cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Indiana Law Review*)

B.A., Ohio State University

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. James S. Gwin, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

David Clark advises public and private companies, private equity firms, founders and boards of directors on complex mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and other significant corporate, commercial and securities transactions.

Mr. Clark has represented clients in a broad variety of U.S. and international transactions, including public company acquisitions, negotiated and contested sales, management buyouts, going-private transactions, auctions, carve-outs, divestitures, joint ventures, spin-offs and recapitalizations. He also advises on the full range of SEC reporting and compliance aspects of clients' ongoing public disclosure and shareholder communication obligations.

Mr. Clark's practice spans a range of industries, with experience counseling clients in aerospace and defense, automotive, industrials and manufacturing, financial services and market infrastructure, retail and consumer, real estate, and health care and life sciences.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Clark has been honored by *Chambers USA* in its Corporate/M&A category, in addition to being named one of *Lawdragon's* Leading Dealmakers in America, selected to *Crain's Chicago Business's* list of Notable Rising Stars in Law and selected as one of *The Deal's* Top Rising Stars. He is a frequent speaker on M&A, corporate governance and related matters at seminars and other forums, including those organized by Practising Law Institute, *Mergermarket* and Northwestern University's Garrett and Corporate Counsel institutes. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago and maintains an active *pro bono* practice.

Mr. Clark has advised, among others:

- Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc. in its \$8.3 billion acquisition by The Boeing Company
- Steelcase Inc. in its \$2.2 billion sale to HNI Corporation
- ALDI in its sale of Southeastern Grocers (Winn-Dixie and Harveys Supermarket) to a consortium of private investors
- CME Group in its:
 - joint venture with FanDuel Group to launch FanDuel Predicts, a predictions market platform
 - sale of OSTTRA to investment funds managed by KKR at an enterprise value of \$3.1 billion. Mr. Clark previously advised on CME Group's transaction with IHS Markit involving the combination of the parties' post-trade services for OTC markets, which created OSTTRA
 - \$1 billion equity investment by Google LLC
 - transaction with S&P/Dow Jones Indices LLC
 - \$6 billion acquisition of NEX Group plc
 - proposed \$820 million acquisition of GFI Group, related \$165 million sale of GFI's interdealer broker business to a group formed by management of GFI and response to interloper bids
 - \$126 million acquisition of the Kansas City Board of Trade

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- Ball Corporation in its:
 - \$5.6 billion sale of its aerospace business to BAE Systems
 - \$530 million sale of its beverage packaging business in Russia
 - \$6.9 billion acquisition of Rexam PLC
 - \$675 million joint venture with Platinum Equity involving its U.S. food and aerosol packaging business
 - \$225 million divestiture of its Chinese beverage can and end manufacturing business
 - \$120 million sale of its minority interest in its South Korea joint venture
 - AutoNation in its:
 - \$190 million acquisition of RepairSmith
 - minority ownership stake in TrueCar
 - \$85 million acquisition of CIG Financial
 - R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company in its proposed (but terminated) \$2.1 billion acquisition by affiliates of Atlas Holdings LLC, and subsequent \$2.3 billion acquisition by affiliates of Chatham Asset Management, LLC
 - Flagstar Bancorp in its \$2.6 billion merger with New York Community Bancorp
 - Exact Sciences Corporation in its \$2.8 billion acquisition of Genomic Health, Inc.
 - Hillenbrand, Inc. in its:
 - \$3.8 billion sale to Lone Star Funds
 - \$730 million acquisition of the Schenck Process Group's Food and Performance Materials business
 - \$2 billion acquisition of Milacron Holdings Corp.
 - Cardinal Health in its \$6.1 billion acquisition of Medtronic's patient product portfolio
 - Sara Lee in connection with the spin-off and redomestication of its international coffee and tea operations in a transaction valued in excess of \$13 billion
 - InvenTrust Properties in its:
 - \$1.4 billion sale of its student housing platform, University House, to a joint venture that includes Scion and CPPIB
 - \$2.3 billion sale of a portfolio of net lease assets to AR Capital; and series of self-management transactions with the Inland Group for the \$12 billion REIT
 - Huron Consulting Group in its:
 - \$112 million sale of Huron Legal to Consilio
 - \$325 million acquisition of the Studer Group
 - Black Diamond Capital Management in its:
 - acquisition of GST AutoLeather, Inc.
 - investment in IAP Worldwide Services, Inc.
 - sale of its portfolio company Sun World International
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