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Education

J.D., The University of Chicago Law School, 2016 (Honors)

B.S., Cornell University, 2011 (Distinction and Honors)

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Rachel Cohn focuses her practice on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, shareholder activism and SEC and other regulatory compliance issues, as well as a range of other corporate and securities matters.

Ms. Cohn has advised public and private companies in a variety of sale and acquisition transactions, including mergers, joint ventures and stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures. She also has counseled on a broad range of other corporate and securities matters, including securities law compliance, periodic reporting, shareholder rights plans and other corporate governance concerns.

Ms. Cohn has advised, among others:

- Exact Sciences Corporation in its $23 billion acquisition by Abbott Laboratories
- Cardinal Health, Inc. in its:
  - $6.1 billion acquisition of Medtronic plc's patient recovery business segment
  - $1 billion sale of its Cordis business to an affiliate of Hellman & Friedman
  - $1.1 billion acquisition of Advanced Diabetes Supply Group from affiliates of Court Square Capital Partners
  - $2.8 billion acquisition of an approximately 73% stake in The GI Alliance from physician owners and funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, Inc.
  - $2.4 billion acquisition, through The GI Alliance, of Solaris Health from physician owners and funds managed by affiliates of Lee Equity Partners
  - pending $235 million acquisition of AdaptHealth's Diabetes Health business
- CME Group Inc. in:
  - its $6 billion acquisition of NEX Group plc
  - its $1 billion equity investment from Google LLC
  - transactions relating to its joint venture with S&P Global
- Hillenbrand, Inc. in its $3.8 billion acquisition by affiliates of Lone Star Funds
- 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
- Korea Zinc Co., Ltd. in several transactions, including its:
  - acquisition and project financing for Crucible Zinc's $7.4 billion critical minerals smelting and processing complex in Clarksville, Tennessee
  - $332 million acquisition of an approximately 73% share in Igneo Holdings, LLC and its subsequent $110 million acquisition of the remaining minority stake
  - acquisition of Kataman Metals LLC
- Essendant Inc. in its proposed (but terminated) $680 million acquisition of Genuine Parts Company's business products group in a Reverse Morris Trust transaction, and its subsequent $996 million acquisition by an affiliate of Staples, Inc.

- American Equity Investment Life Holding Company in its strategic partnership with Brookfield Asset Management Inc. and its affiliates, which included up to $10 billion of reinsurance with Brookfield, as well as Brookfield's acquisition of up to a 19.9% ownership stake in American Equity
- Orica Limited in its $640 million acquisition of Cyanco Intermediate 4 Corp. from an affiliate of Cerberus Capital Management, L.P.
- Highline Management Inc. in connection with the $880 million sale of substantially all of the assets of Prime Automotive Group to Group 1 Automotive, Inc.
- TCP International Holdings, Ltd. in its acquisition by Quality Light Source GmbH

Ms. Cohn also dedicates a portion of her practice to *pro bono* work. She has advised, among others, individuals in asylum and eviction defense cases, as well as 501(c)(3) organizations in connection with various corporate governance matters and the negotiation of a wide range of commercial arrangements. In addition, she serves on Skadden's Hiring Committee.

In recognition of her work, Ms. Cohn was named North America: Corporate/M&A Rising Star at the 2026 Women in Business Law Americas Awards. She has also been recognized as a Future Star in Mergers & Acquisitions in *Financier Worldwide*'s Power Players series and repeatedly honored as one of *Best Lawyers*' Ones to Watch.