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Education

LL.M., Columbia University
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Bar Admissions

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Languages

English
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Lorenzo Corte serves as a global head of the firm's transactions practices, focusing on its international offices, and as a member of its Policy Committee.

Mr. Corte advises clients on cross-border public and private M&A transactions. His experience includes several "market firsts" and encompasses contested takeovers in the U.S. and Europe, special committee representations, financial sponsor transactions, de-SPAC transactions, private sales and acquisitions, and joint ventures. He also has significant experience advising a variety of public companies on complex corporate governance issues.

Throughout his career, Mr. Corte has acted on some of the most complex, closely watched and market-moving deals across multiple sectors and jurisdictions, including:

- Adevinta's \$9.2 billion acquisition of eBay Classifieds Group from eBay Inc.
- Intel Corporation's \$15.3 billion acquisition of Mobileye N.V.
- Arcelor's \$22.8 billion unsolicited bid by Mittal Steel Company NV and their subsequent \$33.8 billion merger
- Konecranes' proposed all-stock merger with Terex Corporation (NYSE) and subsequent acquisition of a division of Terex
- VimpelCom's (now VEON) \$30 billion exchange offer for OJSC VimpelCom and simultaneous business combination with CJSC Kiyvstar G.S.M.

Mr. Corte regularly advises financial sponsors on their investments and divestments in Europe, and has completed a number of transactions in the technology, energy (including renewables), media and retail sectors — including for Silver Lake Partners, Black Diamond and Investindustrial, as well as several family offices based in Europe, the Middle East and the U.S.

He represents strategic investors in connection with cross-border acquisitions, joint ventures and sales of privately owned companies and assets in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the U.S. and the CIS region. Mr. Corte has completed transactions for, among others, Anheuser-Busch, Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure, Cinépolis, Danaher Corporation, Engen/Petronas, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Kellogg Company, Moody's Corporation, Mylan, NTT DoCoMo, Nomura, ST Microelectronics N.V., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International and Validus Holdings.

Mr. Corte helps lead Skadden's European efforts on SPAC IPOs and de-SPAC transactions, and his experience in de-SPACing transactions includes representing RMG II and III in their business combinations with ReNew Power and H2B2 Electrolysis Technologies, respectively; Odyssey Acquisition S.A. in its combination with BenevolentAI; and FILA in its combination with SPACE.

In addition, Mr. Corte heads Skadden's Italian practice, which was named international Italian Desk of the Year by *TopLegal* in five of the last seven years. He has represented Italian clients such as Assicurazioni Generali, Barilla, Brembo, Cattolica Assicurazioni, Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini, Finmeccanica, Gentium, Luxottica Group, Stevanato and the Ministry of Treasury of the Republic of Italy.

Throughout his career, Mr. Corte also has worked on a number of equity and debt capital markets transactions, including the initial public offerings of Stevanato and ENEL, both listed on the NYSE.

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He lectures and participates in seminars related to his practice and is an adjunct professor in international M&A at Fordham Law School.

He was named one of *Financial News*' Fifty Most Influential Lawyers in 2023 and 2022 and *Best Lawyers*' 2023 Mergers and Acquisitions Law London Lawyer of the Year. He is recommended as a leading individual in *Chambers Global*, *IFLR1000*, *The Legal 500 UK*, *Best Lawyers in the UK*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers UK*, which cites sources describing Mr. Corte as "instrumental in devising some incredibly innovative structuring" and stating "I would bet the bank on him."

Recent Publications

"Form 20-F for Fiscal Year 2022: What Foreign Private Issuers Should Keep in Mind," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, January 10, 2023

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Co-author, "Activist Investing in Europe," *Activist Insight*, 2019

Co-author, "Activist Investing in Europe," *Activist Insight*, 2018

Co-author, "Activist Investing in Europe — 2017 Edition," *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*, January 10, 2018