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## Education

J.D., Loyola University School of Law,  
Chicago, 2016 (*summa cum laude*)

B.S., University of Illinois, 2013

## Bar Admissions

Illinois

John Edwards focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and other corporate and securities matters.

Mr. Edwards represents acquirers, sellers and targets in a wide variety of transactions, including public and private mergers, acquisitions, dispositions (including auctions), joint ventures, shareholder activism and other corporate matters.

Significant U.S. and cross-border transactions include the representation of:

- Ball Corporation in its pending \$5.6 billion sale of its aerospace business to BAE Systems
- Brookfield Asset Management Reinsurance Partners Ltd. in its \$5.1 billion acquisition of American National Group, Inc.
- Core Specialty Insurance Holdings, Inc., in its merger with Lancer Insurance Company, after which the combined business had over \$1.1 billion in equity capital
- Black Diamond in its acquisition, with Investindustrial, of Hexion Inc.'s phenolic specialty resin, hexamine and European-based forest products resins business for \$425 million
- Ball Corporation in its \$225 million divestiture of its Chinese beverage can and end manufacturing business
- AutoNation, Inc. in:
  - its acquisition of RepairSmith for \$190 million
  - its acquisition of CIG Financial for \$85 million
- Kemper Corporation in its sale of its accident and health insurance business to Medical Mutual of Ohio for \$90 million
- Dürr AG, a major German mechanical and plant engineering firm, in its acquisition of MEGTEC/Universal for \$130 million
- Bakelite Synthetics in its acquisition of Georgia-Pacific's chemicals business
- The Middleby Corporation in:
  - its acquisition of Zhuhai Guangdong China-based United Foodservice Equipment Group
  - its acquisition of Standex International Corporation's Cooking Solutions Group
  - its acquisition of M-TEK Corporation
  - its acquisition of L2F Inc.
- TreeHouse Foods, Inc., in its cooperation agreement with activist investor JANA Partners LLC
- American National Insurance Company in the sale of its medical stop-loss business to Core Specialty Insurance Holdings

Mr. Edwards also helps provide training to junior associates at the firm.