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Education

J.D., Loyola University School of Law,
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B.S., University of Illinois, 2013

Bar Admissions

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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:

- 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, following 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; and
 - 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; and
 - its acquisition of L2F Inc.;
- TreeHouse Foods, Inc., in its cooperation agreement with activist investor JANA Partners LLC.

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