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## Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2013

M.A., Johns Hopkins University, 2009

B.B.A., James Madison  
University, 2004

## Bar Admissions

New York

Christopher M. Gandia's practice focuses primarily on mergers, acquisitions and other transactions involving public and private investment management firms, broker-dealers and related businesses.

Mr. Gandia has represented clients in many significant U.S. and cross-border transactions, including:

- **E\*Trade Financial** in its:
  - acquisition of the self-directed brokerage business of **Capital One** (pending);
  - acquisition of **The Trust Company of America**; and
  - acquisition of **OptionsHouse**;
- **Eurazeo** in its acquisition of a minority interest in private equity manager **Rhône Group**;
- **Center Coast Capital** in the sale of its business to **Brookfield Asset Management's** Public Securities Group;
- **Janus Capital Group** in its merger-of-equals with **Henderson Group**;
- **Fortress Investment Group LLC** in its:
  - sale of **Logan Circle** to **MetLife, Inc.**;
  - acquisition by **SoftBank Group Corp.**; and
  - strategic alliance with **Mount Kellet Capital Management**;
- **Old Mutual plc** in its sale of a 24.95 percent shareholding in **OM Asset Management plc** to **HNA Capital US**;
- **American Capital, Ltd.** in its merger with **Ares Capital Corporation** and in the sale of its **American Capital Mortgage Management, LLC** unit to **American Capital Agency Corp.**;
- **Raymond James Financial, Inc.** in the acquisition of the Private Client Services business of **Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.** (the legacy business of **Alex. Brown, Inc.**);
- **First Eagle Investment Management** in its acquisition by funds affiliated with **Blackstone** and **Corsair Capital**;
- **Epoch Investment Partners, Inc.** in its acquisition of certain assets of **Institutional Capital LLC**;
- **BlackRock** in its acquisition of **Infraestructura Institucional**; and
- **GAM Holding AG** in its acquisition of the assets of **Singleterry Mansley Asset Management Co. LLC**.

Mr. Gandia's practice frequently includes structuring complex incentive compensation and equity ownership arrangements for principals of investment management firms.

From 2005 to 2010, Mr. Gandia worked at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as a financial analyst. Mr. Gandia holds a master's degree in applied economics from The Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree with a double major in finance and international business from James Madison University.