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Education

J.D., The University of Chicago Law School (honors), 1997

B.A., The University of Chicago (honors; *Phi Beta Kappa*), 1994

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Renato Beghe, U.S. Tax Court

Bar Admissions

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Victor Hollender is co-head of the firm's global Tax Group. He advises on a wide range of U.S. and international tax matters, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, cross-border financings, restructurings, spin-offs, initial public offerings and complex capital markets transactions.

Mr. Hollender regularly advises publicly traded corporations, financial institutions and fund managers in their tax planning. He also represents a number of foreign governments, foreign pension funds and sovereign wealth funds in private equity and real estate investments.

Mr. Hollender has represented:

- **Crane NXT, Co. (f/k/a Crane Holdings, Co.)** in its separation into two independent, publicly traded companies
- **Grab Holdings Inc.** in its \$40 billion de-SPAC merger with Altimeter Growth Corp. This was the largest-ever de-SPAC transaction globally to date and the largest-ever U.S. equity offering by a Southeast Asian company
- **Cohn Robbins Holding Corp.** in its \$9.3 billion merger with Allwyn Entertainment (f/k/a Sazka Entertainment)
- **RMG Acquisition Corporation II** in its \$8 billion de-SPAC merger with ReNew Power Private Limited (India). This was the first-ever Indian de-SPAC
- **GS Acquisition Holdings Corp.**, a special purpose acquisition company, in its \$5.3 billion acquisition of Vertiv Holdings LLC, a portfolio company of Platinum Equity
- **BlackRock** in its sale of its Indian joint venture to its partner DSP Group Inc.; its acquisition of the asset management business of Citibanamex, a subsidiary of Citigroup Inc.; its acquisition of certain assets of BlackRock Kelso Capital Advisors LLC; and its acquisition of Infraestructura Institucional S. de R.L. de C.V.
- **The Blackstone Group L.P.** in its:
 - acquisition and subsequent sale of Stearns Lending to Guaranteed Rate
 - sale of Exeter Finance to an investor group led by Warburg Pincus
- **Embraer SA** in its:
 - \$5.2 billion commercial aviation joint venture with The Boeing Company, and a related joint venture to promote and develop new markets for military transportation aircraft
 - de-SPAC merger with Zanite Acquisition Corp. at an equity value of \$2.9 billion
- **Social Capital Hedosophia Holdings Corp.** in its:
 - \$4.8 billion merger with Opendoor Labs
 - \$1.5 billion merger with Virgin Galactic
 - \$690 million initial public offering, named the top matter in the Driving Value category in the *Financial Times*' North America Innovative Lawyers report
- **Anheuser-Busch InBev** in its \$20.1 billion acquisition of Grupo Modelo, S.A.B. de C.V.
- **A. Schulman, Inc.** in its \$2.25 billion acquisition by LyondellBasell Industries N.V.
- **Joh. A. Benckiser GmbH**, a holding company based in Germany, as the lead investor in its \$9.8 billion acquisition of D.E. Master Blenders 1753 N.V. (Loan Deal of the Year at the *International Financial Law Review* European Awards)

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- **Apax Partners** in its acquisition of a majority stake in Duck Creek Technologies, an insurance software business owned by Accenture; its acquisition of ECi Software Solutions; its acquisition and subsequent sale of Advantage Sales & Marketing; its acquisition of Quality Distribution, Inc.; and its acquisition of FULLBEAUTY Brands, Inc.
 - **Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS)** in its \$750 million mandatory preferred convertible equity investment in Great Plains Energy Incorporated in connection with Great Plains' \$8.6 billion cash and stock acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc.
 - **Credit Suisse Group AG** in its sale of its private-equity investment business to Grosvenor Capital Management LP
 - **BTG Pactual**, Brazil's largest independent investment bank, in its \$1.6 billion spin-off of its commodity trading unit; its sale of an approximately 19% stake to a consortium of international investors; and its subsequent \$1.95 billion initial public offering
 - **Realogy Corporation** in its debt refinancing, which included the issuance of \$2.7 billion of new extended maturity notes and new convertible notes in exchange for outstanding unsecured notes; and its subsequent \$1.2 billion initial public offering
 - **GP Investments Acquisition Corp.**, a special purpose acquisition company, in its business combination with Rimini Street, Inc., a global provider of independent enterprise software support services
 - **Anchorage Capital Group, L.L.C.**, along with EIG Global Energy Partners and Guggenheim Partners, LLC, in their \$1 billion investment in 9.25% senior secured second lien notes due 2020 and perpetual convertible preferred units of Breitburn Energy Partners LP
 - **Pátria Investimentos**, an alternative asset management and corporate advisory firm based in Brazil, in its sale of a 40% stake to The Blackstone Group L.P.
 - **News Corporation** in its acquisition of publicly held Fox Entertainment Group stock
 - **AMC Entertainment Inc.** in its acquisition by J.P. Morgan Partners, LLC and Apollo Management, L.P.
 - **North Fork Bancorporation, Inc.** in its acquisitions of Green-Point Financial Corp. and The Trust Company of New Jersey
 - certain sovereign wealth funds in several anchor investments in hedge funds and private equity funds established by U.S. and U.K. asset managers
 - the consortium that recapitalized Long-Term Capital Management

Mr. Hollender also has represented a number of clients in real estate acquisitions including:

- **Anbang Insurance Co., Ltd.** (China) as lead international and deal counsel in its \$1.9 billion acquisition of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel from Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.; and in its acquisition of Strategic Hotels & Resorts from affiliates of The Blackstone Group L.P. for \$6.4 billion
- **Sungate Properties LLC**, an investment vehicle for Zhang Xin, a prominent Chinese real estate developer, in its \$500 million acquisition of interests in Park Avenue Plaza, Manhattan, and in the joint \$700 million acquisition of a 40% interest in the General Motors Building with affiliates of the Safra family (Deal of the Year award from *Real Estate Forum* magazine)
- **a Singapore sovereign wealth fund** in its \$5.4 billion joint venture with The Macerich Company involving five retail assets
- **RBC Capital Markets, LLC** and **TD Securities (USA) LLC** as co-lead arrangers in their \$1.5 billion financing commitment to Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (Canada) in connection with Brookfield's \$2.5 billion acquisition of Associated Estates Realty Corporation, a real estate investment trust

Mr. Hollender lectures in continuing legal education programs and is a contributing author to the Practising Law Institute's Federal Income Taxation Seminar on topics relating to financial products, partnerships and joint ventures.

Mr. Hollender repeatedly has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as one of the country's leading tax practitioners. He also was named to Lawdragon's 2021 list of 500 Leading Dealmakers. Additionally, he serves as chairman of Skadden's Editorial Board, overseeing all external content.