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

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

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Victor Hollender is co-head of the firm's global Tax Group and head of the New York 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)

- **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 GreenPoint 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 has been recognized in *ITR World Tax*, repeatedly named to *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as one of the country's leading tax practitioners and selected as one of *Lawdragon's 500 Leading Dealmakers in America*. He serves as chairman of Skadden's Editorial Board, overseeing all external content.