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## Education

J.D., Georgetown University  
Law Center, 2014

B.A., Rice University, 2008

## Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England and Wales  
New York

Sarah Knapp focuses on cross-border transactions, including public and private mergers and acquisitions. Ms. Knapp has been named repeatedly as a Rising Star for M&A: Upper Mid Market and Premium Deals by *The Legal 500 UK* (including in its 2024 edition). In addition, she was recognized as a 2023 U.K. Rising Star by Law.com.

Her representations include advising:

- **the special committee of independent directors of Adevinta ASA** in connection with the US\$13.2 billion bid to acquire Adevinta by a consortium led by funds advised by Permira and Blackstone, as well as General Atlantic and TCV
- **TOM FORD** in its acquisition by The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. at an enterprise value of \$2.8 billion
- **International Paper Company** on its \$812 million sale of its pulp and paper mill in Kwidzyn, Poland, to Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG
- **Black Diamond Capital Management, L.L.C.**, along with InvestIndustrial, on their \$425 million acquisition of the phenolic specialty resin, hexamine and European forest products resins businesses of Hexion Inc.
- **Adevinta ASA** on its:
  - \$9.2 billion acquisition of eBay Classifieds Group from eBay Inc.
  - sale of Gumtree UK
- **Cinépolis de México, S.A. de C.V.** on private M&A transactions, including its acquisition of a minority stake in PT Cinemaxx Global Pasifik
- **Nightstar Therapeutics plc** on its \$800 million sale to Biogen Inc.
- **EPIC funds (managed by Castik Capital)** on their acquisition of majority stakes in IPAN GmbH and Delegate
- **Exxon Mobil Corporation** on its \$2.8 billion acquisition of a 25% stake in a Mozambique gas field from Eni SpA
- **Konecranes plc** on its \$1.28 billion acquisition of Terex Corporation's material handling and port solutions unit
- **Nokia Corporation** on its entry into an earn-out joint venture with Volaris Group Inc.; its \$16.6 billion combination with Alcatel-Lucent; and its joint venture with China Huaxin Post and Telecommunications Economy Development Centre
- **DSV A/S** on its \$1.3 billion acquisition of UTi Worldwide Inc.