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Education

J.D., Stanford Law School, 2012 (with *pro bono* distinction; Gerald Gunther Prize for Outstanding Performance in Constitutional Law I; Senior Editor & Articles Committee Member, *Stanford Law & Policy Review*)

B.A., University of Chicago, 2007 (with general honors; *Phi Beta Kappa*; Lee Family Prize)

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit

Experience

Extern, Hon. Joan B. Gottschall, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2011

Piotr (Pete) Korzynski focuses on mergers and acquisitions, equity transfers, corporate finance, SEC and other regulatory compliance matters, shareholder activism and corporate governance, including cybersecurity matters. Mr. Korzynski has represented clients on both the buy and sell side of negotiated and contested M&A transactions, which have utilized a broad range of transaction structures. He also has represented clients on financing transactions in the public and private capital markets.

Mr. Korzynski's experience includes the following representative M&A transactions:

- Ball Corporation in its \$8.4 billion acquisition of Rexam PLC and its related divestiture of \$3.42 billion in assets to Ardagh Group S.A.;
- The Hillshire Brands Company in its proposed \$6.6 billion acquisition of Pinnacle Foods Inc. and subsequent \$8.55 billion sale in an unsolicited and contested transaction to Tyson Foods, Inc.;
- Wisconsin Energy Corporation in its \$5.7 billion acquisition of Integrys Energy Group, Inc.;
- Horizon Pharma Public Limited Company in its unsolicited \$2.26 billion tender offer to acquire Depomed, Inc.;
- Stryker Corporation in its \$1.65 billion acquisition of MAKO Surgical Corp.;
- Digital River Inc. in its \$840 million sale to an investor group led by Siris Capital Partners; and
- Ecolab Inc. in its acquisition of Swisher Hygiene, Inc.

Mr. Korzynski's experience includes the following representative financing transactions:

- Northern Trust Corporation in its offering of \$750 million in 3.950% subordinated notes due 2025;
- CF Industries, Inc. in its offering of \$500 million of 3.400% senior secured notes due 2021 and \$750 million of 4.500% senior secured notes due 2026;
- Morgan Stanley as the lead underwriter in Hospira, Inc.'s offering of \$350 million of 5.2% notes due 2020 and \$350 million of 5.8% notes due 2023; and
- Kemper Corporation in its offering of \$150 million of 7.375% subordinated debentures due 2054.

Mr. Korzynski also maintains an active and diverse *pro bono* practice. He serves as the current chair of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law's Professionals' Council, a volunteer board supporting the organization's national anti-poverty advocacy. Mr. Korzynski also has represented, among others, the Shriver Center and asylum applicants in various U.S. federal appellate matters, including the filing of amicus briefs and the successful briefing and argument of asylum appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.