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Education

François Rabelais School of Law, Tours, France, 1999 (1st class honors)

Maîtrise, University Francois Rabelais, Tours, France, 1998

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Solicitor, England & Wales

Languages

English
French
Bulgarian

Ani Kusheva focuses on corporate matters, including cross-border mergers and acquisitions, public company takeovers, joint ventures and private equity transactions.

Ms. Kusheva's recent experience includes advising, among others:

- Silver Lake Partners, a global leader in technology investing, in connection with its:
  - €500 million (US$565 million) acquisition of Silae, a French cloud-based payroll software provider; and
  - buyout of Meilleurtaux, a leading financial services provider, from Goldman Sachs PIA;
- International Paper Company in its unsolicited US$10.7 billion proposal to acquire Dublin-headquartered Smurfit Kappa Group plc;
- R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company in the sale of its European Global Document Solutions business to Paragon Group Limited;
- Armstrong World Industries, Inc. in the US$330 million sale of its EMEA and Pacific Rim businesses to Knauf International Gmbh;
- Globalworth Real Estate Investments Limited in its strategic investment in the Polish real estate platform Griffin Premium Re. N.V., effected by way of a public tender offer;
- Ctrip.com International, Ltd. in its US$1.7 billion acquisition of Skyscanner Holdings Limited;
- Ball Corporation in its US$8.4 billion acquisition of Rexam PLC and simultaneous divestiture of US$3.4 billion assets to Ardagh Group;
- HellermannTyton Group PLC (a portfolio company of United Kingdom-based Doughty Hanson & Co.) in its US$1.7 billion acquisition by Delphi Automotive PLC;
- Lightning Investors Limited, an entity jointly owned by FMR LLC and FIL Limited, in its US$2.7 billion acquisition of the remaining stake in Colt Group S.A. it did not already own;
- CJSC Sibur Holding in the US$1 billion sale of its mineral fertilizer business to CJSC Holding Company Siberian Business Union;
- International Paper Company in its:
  - creation of a 50/50 joint venture with Ilim Pulp via International Paper's US$650 million acquisition of a 50 percent interest in Ilim Holding; and
  - acquisition of two packaging businesses in northwestern France and Portugal from DS Smith Plc;
- Colony Capital, Inc. in its acquisition of The Abraaj Group's Latin America private equity platform;
- Unitech Corporate Parks plc in the US$349 million sale of the entire issued share capital of its subsidiary Candor Investments Ltd. to an affiliate of Brookfield Property Partners L.P.;
- Capgemini S.A., a consulting company based in France, in its US$1.3 billion merger with Kanbay Inc.;

- Gazit-Globe, Ltd. in its US$261 million acquisition of an additional 14 percent stake in Atrium European Real Estate Limited;
- FMR LLC and FIL Limited in their US$164 million sale of KVH Co., Ltd. to Colt Group S.A.;
- Lucid Markets Trading Limited in the US$176 million sale of a 51 percent stake to FXCM Inc.;
- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. in its sale of International Derivatives Clearing Group, LLC to LCH.Clearnet Group Ltd.;
- Alpha Bank A.E., Greece's second-largest bank, in connection with its proposed merger with EFG Eurobank A.E.;
- Citigroup Inc. in:
  - its US$512 million sale of Citigroup Global Services Limited to Tata Consultancy Services Limited;
  - its US$127 million sale of Citi Technology Services Limited to Wipro Limited; and
  - CitiCapital's sale of its vendor finance leasing business in the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany and Italy to CIT Group Inc.;
- CME Group, Inc. in its acquisition of Credit Market Analysis Limited;
- Neochimiki LV Lavrentiadis S.A. in its €749 million sale of a 74 percent stake to The Carlyle Group;
- Valeant Pharmaceuticals International in its US$392 million sale of certain subsidiaries in Western and Eastern Europe to Meda AB;
- SCOR, the French reinsurance company, in relation to:
  - its US$775 million acquisition of Revios Rückversicherung AG;
  - the merger of its German and Italian subsidiaries to become a Societas Europaea (a European public company); and
  - its US$221 million acquisition of a 47 percent stake in Irish Reinsurance Partners Ltd. from Highfields Capital Management LP;
- Fournier Pharma in its US$1.7 billion acquisition by Solvay Pharmaceuticals;
- Citigroup Global Markets Limited as financial advisor to SAGEM SA in its US$7 billion merger with Snecma, which resulted in the privatization of Snecma; and
- AOL Europe S.à.r.l., a subsidiary of AOL Inc., in its US$97 million acquisition of Goviral A/S.