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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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Languages

English

French

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

In recognition of her work, Ms. Kusheva has been named to *The Best Lawyers in the UK* and noted as Highly Regarded for M&A by *IFLR1000*. Her recent experience includes advising, among others:

- International Paper Company in its:
  - divestiture of five European corrugated box plants to PALM Group
  - US$9.9 billion contested all-equity possible offer to acquire U.K.-based DS Smith Plc
  - US$508 million sale of its interests in the joint venture Ilim Group
  - US$812 million sale of its pulp and paper mill in Kwidzyn, Poland, to Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG
  - acquisition of two packaging businesses in northwestern France and Portugal from DS Smith Plc
  - unsolicited US$10.7 billion proposal to acquire Dublin-based Smurfit Kappa Group plc
  - creation of a 50/50 joint venture with Ilim Pulp via International Paper's US$650 million acquisition of a 50% interest in Ilim Holding
- Spirit AeroSystems in the divestiture of certain assets and sites involved in the production of Airbus aerostructures to Airbus SE and subsequent merger with The Boeing Company, with the merger valuing Spirit AeroSystems at $4.7 billion
- Sylvamo Corporation in its:
  - US$150 million acquisition of the Nymolla paper mill from Stora Enso
  - US$420 million sale of its Russian pulp and paper mill
- 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
  - buyout of Meilleurtaux, a leading financial services provider, from Goldman Sachs PIA
- The Middleby Corporation in its:
  - acquisition of Novy Group, a leading manufacturer of premium residential ventilation hoods and cooktops based in Belgium
  - sale of Fired Earth Limited, a designer and manufacturer of home design products headquartered in London
  - acquisition of a 33% stake in Levens Beheer BV, a manufacturer of industrial kitchen equipment incorporated in the Netherlands
  - acquisition of Sveba Dahlen, a Swedish developer and manufacturer of baking equipment for the commercial foodservice and industrial baking industries
  - acquisition of Scanico A/S, a leading manufacturer of industrial cooling and freezing equipment for the food processing industry based in Denmark

- 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
- DigitalBridge, 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% 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% 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
  - 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% 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)
  - its US$221 million acquisition of a 47% 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
- AOL Europe S.à.r.l., a subsidiary of AOL Inc., in its US$97 million acquisition of Goviral A/S