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Education

J.D., Pace University School of Law,
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B.S., State University of New York,
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Bar Admissions

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Publications

"What's Market: Experts' View,"
Practical Law The Journal,
February 2013

"Encouraging Signs For Leveraged
Loans In 2013," *Law360*, January
28, 2013

Steven Messina is head of the Banking Group in Skadden's New York office. He represents investment banks, commercial banks, private equity funds and corporations in connection with a wide range of U.S. and international syndicated and other corporate financing transactions, including acquisition financings, leveraged buyouts, bridge financings, investment grade financings, asset-based loans, mezzanine loans, corporate recapitalizations and debtor-in-possession financings.

Notable representations include:

- JAB Holding Company in connection with:

- a \$3 billion credit facility related to its \$7.5 billion acquisition of Panera Bread;
- a \$2.8 billion credit facility related to its pending acquisition of National Veterinary Associates from Ares Management;
- a \$495 million credit facility to support its acquisition of Compassion-First Pet Hospitals from Quad-C Management Inc.;
- a \$500 million credit facility related to its \$1.35 billion acquisition of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; and
- a \$2.4 billion unsecured credit facility to finance the acquisition of Dr Pepper Snapple by its portfolio company Keurig Green Mountain;

- Coty, Inc. in connection with:

- \$9 billion of credit facilities related to its acquisition of Procter & Gamble's fragrance and cosmetics business in a Reverse Morris Trust transaction; and
- €400 million of incremental term loan facilities related to its acquisition of the beauty and personal care businesses of Hypermarcas;

- Endo International PLC in a variety of matters, including advising on the financing and capital structure aspects of:

- its \$8.05 billion acquisition of Par Pharmaceuticals Holdings, Inc.; and
- its acquisition of Paladin Labs, Inc., a Canadian company, through the formation of a new Irish holding company, including the issuance of \$700 million of notes, \$1.5 billion term loan facility and \$750 million revolving credit facility;

- United Natural Foods with respect to a \$1.95 billion first lien credit facility and \$2 billion asset-based credit facility in connection with its acquisition of SUPERVALU;

- AbbVie Inc. with respect to:

- a £13.5 billion bridge loan facility and related financing transactions in connection with its proposed \$55 billion acquisition of Shire plc; and
- a three-year \$2 billion term loan credit facility;

- Becton, Dickenson and Company in connection with:

- a \$15.6 billion bridge loan facility, \$2.25 billion term loan facility and \$2.25 billion revolving credit agreement related to its \$24 billion acquisition of Bard Corporation; and
- a \$9 billion bridge loan facility and \$1 billion term loan facility related to its \$12.2 billion acquisition of CareFusion Corp.;

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- IAA, Inc. with respect to a \$1.025 billion credit facility in connection with its spin-off from KAR Auction Services Inc.;
 - Kelso & Co. with respect to:
 - senior secured and mezzanine financings related to its acquisition of Physicians Endoscopy, L.L.C.;
 - a \$475 million senior secured credit facility related to its acquisition of the assets of Plan B One-Step from Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.; and
 - a \$540 million credit facility to support its acquisition of a co-controlling stake in Progressive Solutions from affiliates of StonePoint Capital;
 - Kelso & Co. and affiliates of Blue Wolf Capital Partners in connection with \$935 million of senior secured credit facilities related to their acquisition of Jordan Health Services from Palladium Equity Partners;
 - Hg Capital with respect to:
 - a \$205 million credit facility related to its acquisition of Litera Microsystems;
 - a \$225 million credit facility related to its acquisition of Corepoint Heath, LLC; and
 - an \$82 million credit facility related to its acquisition of Rhapsody;
 - Amulet Capital Partners, LP with respect to:
 - \$50 million of senior secured credit facilities in connection with its acquisition of SynteractHCR Holdings Corporation; and
 - a \$70 million credit facility to support its acquisition of a management services organization;
 - Goldman Sachs in connection with a \$450 million term and revolving loan financing and \$175 million incremental term loan financing for MA-COM Technology Solutions;
 - Deutsche Bank in connection with a \$1.65 billion term and revolving credit facility for Extended Stay America;
 - Credit Suisse AG in connection with:
 - a \$450 million first-lien credit facility and \$170 million second lien credit facility to finance the acquisition of JCF Ascensus Holdings, Inc. by Genstar Capital;
 - its arrangement of a fully underwritten covenant-lite \$5 billion senior secured term loan to Fortescue Metals Group Limited; and
 - a \$650 million first-lien credit facility and \$60 million asset-based credit facility to finance the acquisition of Tekni-Plex, Inc. by Genstar Capital;
 - D.E. Master Blenders, the Dutch-based European coffee company, and its shareholder, the German private investment group JAB Holding Company in its \$11 billion U.S. leveraged financing in connection with its merger with Mondelēz International's coffee unit. This financing was awarded Loan Deal of the Year at the 2015 IFLR European Awards;
 - Kemper Corporation in connection with a \$550 million credit facility;
 - Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. in connection with multiple credit facilities;
 - Leidos Holdings, Inc. in connection with \$3.4 billion of credit facilities related to its acquisition of Lockheed Martin's Information Systems & Global Solutions segment in a Reverse Morris Trust transaction;
 - Centene Corp. in connection with a \$1 billion term loan facility related to its \$6.8 billion acquisition of Health Net, Inc.;
 - Moody's Corporation in connection with a \$1.5 billion bridge loan facility and \$500 million term loan facility related to its €3 billion acquisition of Bureau van Dijk; and
 - Realogy Corporation in a number of finance transactions, including its \$1.1 billion senior term and revolving credit facility.
- Mr. Messina was selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global 2019* and *Chambers USA 2018*, and has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and as a leading lawyer by *IFLR1000*.