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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2000
B.A., University of San Francisco, 1996

Bar Admissions

California

Selected Publications

"Technology Industry Practice Guide,"
Capital Markets Practice Kit, *Lexis
Practice Advisor*, April 2017

"The Resurgence of SPACs in a Quiet
IPO Market," *Law360*, May 2, 2016

Mike Mies represents public and private companies, investment banks and private equity firms in a variety of corporate transactions, including cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic investments. Notable representations include:

- Aeon Co. Ltd. in the disposal of its debt and 54 percent equity stake in The Talbots, Inc. by way of tender offer/merger;
- Broadcom Corporation in its acquisition of LTE-related assets from affiliates of Renesas Electronics Corporation;
- Cavium, Inc. in its \$1.4 billion acquisition of QLogic Corp. and in its \$6 billion acquisition by Marvell Technology Group Ltd.;
- KDDI Corporation in its \$4 billion acquisition of a 37.8 percent equity stake in Jupiter Telecommunications, Co., Ltd. from Liberty Global;
- Lattice Semiconductor Corporation in its \$1.3 billion acquisition by Canyon Bridge Capital Partners Inc.;
- LeEco Holdings Ltd. in its \$2 billion cash acquisition of Vizio Inc.;
- Miraca Holdings in its \$725 million acquisition of the anatomic pathology business of Caris Life Sciences;
- Nokia Corporation in the \$7.2 billion sale of its devices and services business to Microsoft Corporation;
- PayPal Holdings, Inc. in its \$750 million strategic investment through a private placement of common stock in MercadoLibre, Inc. and its \$500 million investment in Uber;
- Recruit Holdings, Inc. in connection with its acquisition of Indeed.com;
- the board of directors of SendGrid, Inc. in its \$2 billion acquisition by Twilio Inc.;
- Seven Bank, Ltd. in its \$130 million acquisition of U.S. ATM network and service provider FCTI Holdings, LLC;
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. in their minority investment in, and business and capital alliance with, Moelis & Company;
- Unwired Planet, Inc. in its divestiture of Unwired Planet LLC; and
- Zayo Group Holdings, Inc. in its pending \$14.3 billion acquisition by affiliates of Digital Colony Partners and the EQT Infrastructure IV fund, the largest media and communications leveraged buyout since the 2008 financial crisis.

Mr. Mies regularly represents private equity firms, including:

- Baring Private Equity Asia in its acquisition of Primo Japan, Inc.;
- The Carlyle Group in its \$380 million acquisition of Diversey Japan from Sealed Air Corporation;
- MBK Partners, as a member of a consortium, in the consortium's \$1.2 billion going-private management buyout of USJ Co., Ltd.; and
- TPG Capital, Inc. in its \$170 million acquisition of a 14 percent stake in TOMY Company, Ltd. and its \$300 million investments in NIS Group and its Chinese subsidiaries.

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Mr. Mies also represents issuers, underwriters and lending parties in corporate finance and capital markets transactions in the United States and Japan. He has an active practice representing special purpose acquisition companies.

Mr. Mies has advised clients on a wide range of finance transactions, including:

- Deutsche Bank and Citigroup in the \$450 million initial public offering of Pace Holdings Corp., a Texas-based special purpose acquisition company;
- Deutsche Bank in the \$375 million initial public offering of Gores Holdings, Inc., a special purpose acquisition company;
- Nikko Citigroup and UBS in a ¥78 billion global offering by Nippon Mining Holdings;
- Home Inns & Hotels Management Inc. in connection with its \$184 million issuance of 2% convertible senior notes due 2015; and
- the underwriters in the secondary listing by SBI Holdings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the first such listing by a Japanese company.

Mr. Mies is the co-author of Lexis Practice Advisors' *Technology Industry Practice Guide*, which covers a broad range of topics that securities attorneys need to understand when working with technology companies, from listing requirements to corporate governance and periodic disclosure obligations.

Mr. Mies repeatedly has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*. In 2016, the *Financial Times* recognized a first-of-its kind program that Mr. Mies helped develop as one of the country's most innovative legal initiatives: a new type of insurance that helps foreign buyers manage the risks associated with review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

Mr. Mies spends significant time in Japan in support of the firm's global Japan practice and was based in the firm's Tokyo office from 2005 to 2012. Mr. Mies spent six years in the U.S. Navy as a fire controlman, including four years on the U.S.S. McCluskey (FFG-41).