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Education

J.D., Columbia University
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Bar Admissions

California
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Sonia Nijjar represents clients in a wide range of U.S. and cross-border corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, activist investor situations, private equity investments and minority investments.

Ms. Nijjar also advises public and private corporate clients with respect to securities law issues, corporate governance and other general corporate matters.

Her transactions include the representation of:

- Silver Lake Partners in its acquisition of a majority stake in ServiceMax, Inc. from GE Digital LLC;
- Intel Corporation in its \$15.3 billion acquisition of Mobileye, N.V., its \$4.2 billion spin-off and joint venture with TPG Capital, L.P. to form the independent cybersecurity company McAfee, and the sale of its Wind River subsidiary to TPG Capital, L.P.;
- Nightstar Therapeutics plc in its pending \$877 million acquisition by Biogen Inc.;
- Amadeus IT Group SA in its \$1.52 billion acquisition of TravelClick Inc. from Thoma Bravo LLC;
- Permira Funds in the \$1.75 billion acquisition of Duff & Phelps;
- Broadcom Corporation in its \$37 billion sale to Avago Technologies Limited;
- Nokia Corporation in the \$7.2 billion sale of its devices and services business to Microsoft Corporation;
- LSI Corporation in its \$6.6 billion acquisition by Avago Technologies Limited (Singapore);
- SanDisk Corporation in its \$19 billion acquisition by Western Digital Corporation and its \$1.1 billion acquisition of Fusion-io, Inc.;
- Hewlett-Packard Company in its acquisition of Voltage Security, Inc.;
- XL Group plc in connection with the \$570 million sale of XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd.'s wholly owned subsidiary XL Life Reinsurance Ltd to GreyCastle Holdings Ltd.;
- the special committee of the board of directors of Steinway Musical Instruments, Inc. in the \$438 million acquisition of Steinway by an affiliate of Kohlberg & Company, LLC;
- Global Indemnity plc in its acquisition of American Reliable Insurance Company from Assurant, Inc.;
- SCOR Global Life U.S. Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of SCOR SE, in its \$750 million acquisition of Generali U.S. Holdings, Inc.;
- J.P. Morgan Securities, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Citigroup Global Markets as joint bookrunning managers in a \$448 million offering of common stock by First Solar, Inc.;
- Sprint Nextel Corporation in its \$21.6 billion sale of a 78 percent stake to Softbank Corporation (Japan) and the related \$3.1 billion 1% convertible bond issue;
- Hamilton Insurance Group, Ltd. in its acquisition of S.A.C. Re, Ltd. and its initial formation and capital raise;

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- Jackson National Life Insurance Company in its \$621 million acquisition of the U.S. life reinsurance operations of Swiss Re;
 - Harbor Point Limited in its \$3 billion merger of equals with Max Capital Group Ltd.; and
 - The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. in its \$1.2 billion merger with JP Morgan Chase & Co.

The *Daily Journal* recognized Ms. Nijjar in 2018 and 2019 as one of the Top 100 Women Lawyers in California and also has recognized her as one of the publication's 40 Under 40, an annual award given to a select group of California's rising star attorneys. She also was named among *Law360*'s Rising Stars for 2018. The South Asian Bar Association of North America similarly recognized Ms. Nijjar with its own Rising Star award in 2018. She also was featured as one of the *Silicon Valley Business Journal*'s 2018 Women of Influence, an annual accolade honoring Silicon Valley's most influential business and community leaders.

She was a key member of the deal teams honored in connection with *The Recorder*'s 2016 and 2017 Corporate Department of the Year contests in which Skadden's California corporate team took top honors in a number of categories. In addition, the *Daily Journal* recognized Ms. Nijjar with two California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) awards, one for innovative work on behalf of Broadcom Corporation in its acquisition by Avago Technologies (2016) and another for her representation of Intel Corporation in its acquisition of Mobileye N.V. (2018).

Ms. Nijjar is co-head of the Palo Alto Hiring Committee and serves on the Palo Alto Diversity Committee.