

Partner, Washington, D.C.

Mergers and Acquisitions



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#### Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2007 (*magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif)

B.A., University of Maryland, 2004 (*magna cum laude*; High Honors)

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia  
Maryland

Richard Oliver concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities law, corporate finance and general corporate matters in a variety of industries, including health care and energy.

Mr. Oliver has represented acquirers, targets, private equity funds and financial advisors in significant transactions, including public and private acquisitions and divestitures, negotiated and contested public acquisitions, internal reorganizations and other corporate matters. He also counsels firm clients on joint ventures and other strategic alliances. In 2020, he was named a D.C. Rising Star by *The National Law Journal*.

Significant representations include:

- IAC in its \$500 million acquisition of Care.com;
- Infrastructure Investments Fund in its \$4.3 billion acquisition of El Paso Electric Company;
- Aflac Incorporated in its sale of an approximately 7% stake to Japan Post Holdings;
- First Solar, Inc. in the \$1.7 billion sale to Capital Dynamics of 8point3 Energy Partners LP, which owns interests in a 946 MW portfolio of solar energy projects;
- Advanced Health Media, LLC, a portfolio company of Arlington Capital Partners, in its sale to IQVIA Inc.;
- The Advisory Board Company in its \$2.6 billion sale of its health care business to OptumInsight, Inc. and its education business to affiliates of Vista Equity Partners LLC in response to Elliott Management's pending activist campaign;
- SunEdison, Inc. in numerous transactions in connection with SunEdison's Chapter 11 reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, including its \$2.5 billion sale of TerraForm Global, Inc. and a 51% stake in TerraForm Power, Inc. to Brookfield Asset Management Inc.;
- Onyx, a Blackstone portfolio company, in connection with the sale of its portfolio of 136 commercial, industrial and small utility-scale solar projects to Argo Infrastructure Partners;
- Gannett Co., Inc. in its unsolicited proposed, but terminated, acquisition of Tribune Publishing Company and Gannett's related proxy contest to withhold votes from Tribune's director nominees;
- Dynegy Inc. in its \$3.3 billion acquisition of Engie's U.S. fossil generation portfolio, including (i) the formation of a joint venture with Energy Capital Partners (ECP) to effect the acquisition, (ii) Dynegy's subsequent \$375 million purchase of ECP's interests in the joint venture and (iii) Dynegy's \$150 million sale of common stock to an affiliate of ECP;
- Formation Capital, LLC and its equity partners in the:
  - acquisition and subsequent sale of Compassus Healthcare;
  - acquisition and subsequent sale of RHA Health Services;
  - \$870 million acquisition of substantially all of the U.S. business of Extencicare Inc.;
  - \$1 billion roll-up transaction with NorthStar Realty Finance Corp., simultaneously restructuring the ownership of six real estate portfolios; and
  - acquisition of all of the assets of Trident USA Health Services and all of the assets of National Hospice Holdings, and the formation of a related joint venture with the sellers;

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- the special committee of the board of directors of Sevcon, Inc. in its \$200 million acquisition by BorgWarner Inc.;
  - Genesis Healthcare, Inc. in its:
    - combination with Skilled Healthcare Group, Inc.
    - \$275 million acquisition of Sun Healthcare Group, Inc.; and
    - \$2.4 billion sale of substantially all of its real estate assets to Health Care REIT, Inc.;
  - Basin Holdings, LLC, in its sale of two oil services portfolio companies, BasinTek LLC and Ascent Coating Technologies, LLC, and the formation of a related joint venture between Basin and Abaco Energy Technologies, LLC;
  - Sprint Nextel Corporation in its acquisition of the shares of Clearwire Corporation it did not already own; and
  - BHP Billiton in its attempted \$150 billion acquisition of Rio Tinto.