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Education

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Mike Ringler is a nationally recognized M&A adviser, focusing on technology-related industries. He has represented large, well-established and industry-leading companies, as well as smaller industry disruptors, in a broad range of technology verticals, including the semiconductor, networking, software and internet industries. Mr. Ringler regularly advises boards, special committees and management teams on mission critical and transformative M&A transactions. He also advises boards and special committees confronting challenges to corporate control, such as unsolicited acquisition proposals, proxy contests and shareholder activism. Mr. Ringler is Band 1 ranked in *Chambers USA* and is named in *Chambers Global* and *Best Lawyers in America*. He also is named in Lawdragon's Leading Dealmakers in America guide and has been recognized as a Mergers and Acquisitions MVP by *Law360*. He has been recognized on many occasions as a leader in his field by national and statewide publications, including *The American Lawyer*, *The New York Times*, California's *Daily Journal* and *IFLR1000*. He was named a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer* in 2015 and 2021.

Mr. Ringler's recent representative transactions include:

- Ansys in its \$35 billion sale to Synopsys.
- Splunk in its \$30 billion sale to Cisco Systems.
- Elon Musk in his \$44 billion acquisition of Twitter.
- Entegris in its \$6.5 billion acquisition of CMC Materials.
- Iora Health in its \$2 billion sale to 1Life Healthcare.
- Proofpoint in its \$12.3 billion sale to Thoma Bravo.
- Coherent in its initially announced \$5.7 billion sale to Lumentum, followed by Coherent's subsequent responses to competing acquisition proposals from MKS Instruments, II-VI and Lumentum in a three-party bidding war culminating in Coherent's \$7 billion sale to II-VI.
- SK Hynix in its \$9 billion acquisition of Intel's memory business.
- Livongo Health in its \$18.5 billion sale to Teladoc.
- Credit Karma in its \$8.1 billion sale to Intuit.
- F5 Networks in its \$1 billion acquisition of Shape Security and its \$500 million acquisition of Volterra.
- Xperi Corporation in its \$3 billion merger with TiVo Corporation.

Mr. Ringler's representative transactions prior to joining Skadden include:

- Hewlett-Packard in its:
 - \$25 billion acquisition of Compaq and related proxy contest with Walter Hewlett; and
 - \$5 billion acquisition of Mercury Interactive.
- Freescale in its \$19 billion sale to a private equity consortium led by The Blackstone Group.
- CA Technologies in its \$19 billion sale to Broadcom.
- Seagate in its:
 - \$18 billion three-party sale to Silver Lake Partners and Veritas; and
 - \$2 billion acquisition of Maxtor.
- Pixar in its \$8 billion sale to The Walt Disney Company.

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- Sun Microsystems in its:
 - \$7.8 billion sale to Oracle; and
 - \$2 billion acquisition of Cobalt Networks.
 - McAfee in its \$7.7 billion sale to Intel.
 - MuleSoft in its \$7 billion sale to Salesforce.com.
 - Business Objects in its \$7 billion sale to SAP.
 - Informatica in its \$5.3 billion sale to Permira Advisers and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.
 - LSI in its \$5.2 billion merger with Agere Systems.
 - Cypress Semiconductor in its \$5 billion merger of equals with Spansion.
 - FEI in its \$4.8 billion sale to Thermo Fisher Scientific.
 - Riverbed Technology in its \$4 billion sale to Thoma Bravo.
 - AppDynamics in its \$3.8 billion sale to Cisco.
 - Solectron in its \$3.6 billion sale to Flextronics.
 - Trulia in its \$3.5 billion sale to Zillow.
 - 3Com in its \$3.3 billion sale to Hewlett-Packard.
 - Aruba Networks in its \$3 billion sale to Hewlett-Packard.
 - Salesforce.com in a number of transactions, including its \$2.5 billion acquisition of ExactTarget.
 - 3PAR in its:
 - \$2.4 billion sale to Hewlett-Packard following Hewlett-Packard's unsolicited acquisition proposal for 3PAR during the pendency of 3PAR's proposed \$1.7 billion sale to Dell; and
 - proposed \$1.7 billion sale to Dell (terminated following 3PAR's receipt of an unsolicited acquisition proposal from Hewlett-Packard).
 - The GoDaddy Group in its:
 - \$2.25 billion sale to Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts, Silver Lake Partners and Technology Crossover Ventures; and
 - \$1.8 billion acquisition of Host Europe Group.
 - Taleo in its \$2.2 billion sale to Oracle.
 - Redback Networks in its \$2.2 billion sale to Ericsson.
 - Flatiron Health in its \$2 billion sale to Roche.
 - Apttio in its \$2 billion sale to Vista Equity Partners.
 - Marketo in its \$1.8 billion sale to Vista Equity Partners.
 - YouTube in its \$1.7 billion sale to Google.
 - CVent in its \$1.65 billion sale to Vista Equity Partners.

Selected Awards and Recognition

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Band 1 ranked and described as an "exceptional M&A lawyer" who is held in "high esteem by clients and peers alike"
- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, listed annually
- *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders USA - M&A 2023* and *Global Leader M&A 2022*
- Lawdragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in America, 2024
- Lawdragon's 500 Leading Dealmakers in America, listed annually
- *Business Insider*, "The 29 Lawyers Leading Billion-Dollar M&A Deals," 2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, listed annually since 2010, including being honored as a 2017 M&A Lawyer of the Year
- *Law360* 2021 Mergers and Acquisitions MVP
- BTI Consulting Group M&A Client Service All-Star, 2021
- *The Legal 500*, which included Mr. Ringler in its 2024 M&A Private Practice Powerlist and has described him as "an accomplished M&A lawyer with an excellent record in multi-billion dollar transactions"
- *MergerLinks* Dealmaker, 2023
- *The American Lawyer*, Dealmaker of the Year, 2021 and 2015
- *Daily Journal*, California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) Award, 2021 (in recognition of work on behalf of Livongo in its \$18.5 billion sale to Teladoc Health)
- *Daily Journal's* 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2015 and 2012 lists of the Top 100 Lawyers in California
- *Daily Journal*, M&A Top Innovator, 2015
- *Daily Journal*, Top 20 Under 40, 2007
- *The Recorder*, Attorney of the Year, 2010
- *The New York Times'* 2007 list of the "next generation of deal-makers"