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Education

J.D., Northwestern Pritzker
School of Law, 2013 (*cum laude*)

B.S., Vanderbilt University, 2008
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Bar Admissions

Illinois

Jessica Schmiede focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and other corporate and securities matters. Ms. Schmiede has advised public and private companies on a variety of transactions, including mergers and stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, as well as on a broad range of corporate and securities matters, including securities law compliance, disclosure and periodic reporting and corporate governance matters.

Ms. Schmiede's experience includes advising, among others:

- Hospira, Inc. in its \$17 billion acquisition by Pfizer Inc.
- Catalent, Inc. in its \$16.5 billion merger with an affiliate of Novo Holdings S/A
- Hillshire Brands Company in its proposed \$6.6 billion acquisition of Pinnacle Foods Inc. and in its subsequent sale to Tyson Foods, Inc. in a transaction valued at \$8.5 billion
- The Middleby Corporation in its proposed, but subsequently terminated, acquisition of Welbilt, Inc. in a transaction valued at \$4.3 billion
- Ball Corporation in its \$3.4 billion divestiture of select metal beverage can assets to Ardagh Group, S.A.
- Maui Jim, Inc. in its acquisition by Kering Eyewear
- SP Plus Corporation in its \$1.5 billion merger with Metropolis Technologies, Inc.
- Chiquita Brands International Inc. in its proposed cross-border business combination transaction with Fyffes plc and its unsolicited, but subsequently agreed upon, \$1.3 billion merger with an affiliate of the Cutrale-Safra group
- Quintana Energy Services, Inc. in its merger of equals with KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc.
- CF Industries in its \$390 million acquisition of all publicly traded common units of its master limited partnership, Terra Nitrogen Company, L.P., and various notes redemptions
- Hanwha Aerospace Co. in its \$300 million acquisition of EDAC Technologies from Greenbrier Equity Group L.P.
- PersonalizationMall.com, Inc. in its \$190 million acquisition by Bed Bath & Beyond
- OAO Severstal in its \$140 million sale of subsidiary PBS Coals Ltd. to Corsa Coal Corp
- Huron Consulting Group in its:
 - \$100 million acquisition of Innosight Holdings
 - \$112 million sale of Huron Legal to Consilio
 - sale of its life sciences strategy consulting practice to Oliver Wyman
 - acquisition of Whiteboard Higher Education
 - acquisition of My Rounding Solutions
 - acquisition of ADI Strategies
 - acquisition of Healthcare Services Management, Inc.
 - acquisitions of other private businesses

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- Samsung Electronics in its acquisition of NewNet Communication Technologies (Canada), Inc.
 - McDavid Inc. in its acquisition by Shock Doctor, Inc.
 - TECO Energy Inc. in its sale of subsidiary TECO Coal to Cambrian Coal

In recognition of her work in corporate law, Ms. Schmiede has repeatedly been named among *Best Lawyers' Ones To Watch* in America.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Schmiede worked as a consultant for Accenture LLP.