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Education

Legal Practice Course, BPP University, 2014

G.D.L., The University of Law, 2013

M.A., University of Edinburgh, 2012

Bar Admissions

England & Wales

James Sherlock advises financial sponsors on a wide range of transactions, including private acquisitions, carve-outs, co-investments, consortium deals, group restructurings and other general corporate matters.

Mr. Sherlock's experience since joining Skadden includes advising:

- Apax Global Alpha Limited on its \$1 billion recommended acquisition by Janus Bidco Limited, an investment vehicle owned by Apax Partners LLP
- BlackRock as part of a consortium of investors, including Allianz and T&D Holdings, on the acquisition of Viridium Group at an enterprise value of €3.5 billion
- Hg on the sale of a co-controlling stake in Azets AS to PAI Partners
- Willis Towers Watson on its treaty reinsurance brokerage joint venture with Bain Capital
- I Squared Capital on:
 - its acquisition of Ramudden Global AB from private equity fund Triton Partners
 - its acquisition of Enva, a recycling and resource recovery business based in the U.K. and Ireland, from Exponent Capital
- Coty Inc. on the sale of its remaining 25.8% stake in Wella to KKR for initial cash consideration of \$750 million

His experience prior to joining Skadden includes advising:

- BlackRock and Franklin Templeton on the sale of Embark, an investment platform and retirement solutions provider, to Lloyds Banking Group plc
- Bridgepoint on its sale of Pret A Manger to JAB Holdings
- Bridgepoint Development Capital on its acquisition of Analysys Mason, a global consultancy and research firm specialising in telecommunications, media and technology, from Datatec
- Inflexion on its minority investment in (and subsequent sale of) Huws Gray, the largest independent builders' merchant in the U.K.
- Livingbridge on its acquisition of World of Books, the U.K.'s leading online reseller of second-hand books, from Bridges Fund Management
- Marlin Equity Partners on the sale of Qualitest, a provider of AI-powered engineering services, to Bridgepoint
- Phoenix Equity Partners on its sale of Bridge Leisure, an owner and operator of holiday parks in the U.K., to Park Holidays
- Premier Rugby Limited, the holding company of the top division of English rugby union, on a major investment by CVC