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Education

J.D., Georgetown University
Law Center, 1994

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B.A., Georgetown University, 1986

Bar Admissions

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Publications

"International Comparative Legal
Guide to Mergers and Acquisitions
2024 (USA)," *ICLG To: Mergers and
Acquisitions 2024*

"New Market Emerges for Legacy
Liability Dispositions," *Skadden
Insights*, April 2023

Podcasts

Host, "The Informed Board,"
Skadden Podcast

Associations

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown
University Law Center

Co-Chair, Public Company
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Ann Beth Stebbins concentrates primarily on mergers and acquisitions. Ms. Stebbins spent eight years in the firm's London office and has been involved in a variety of cross-border transactions representing acquirers, targets and financial advisors.

Ms. Stebbins' representative transactions include:

- Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in its \$7 billion acquisition by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
- Funds advised by Apex Partners in their acquisitions of:
 - CyberGrants Holdings LLC, a developer of enterprise engagement and grants management software
 - EveryAction, Inc. from Insight Ventures
 - Social Solutions Group, Inc. from Vista Equity Partners
 - Nulo, Inc., a producer and distributor of premium pet food products
 - ECI Software Solutions and the North American business of Exact Group B.V., its subsequent sale to affiliates of private equity firm Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. and the acquisition of a co-controlling stake from Leonard Green & Partners, L.P.
 - a majority stake in Accenture LLP's Duck Creek insurance software business and the subsequent IPO of the business
 - a controlling interest in FULLBEAUTY Brands, Inc.
 - Quality Distribution, Inc.
 - Advantage Sales & Marketing from J.W. Childs Equity Partners and its subsequent sale to affiliates of Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. and funds advised by CVC Capital Partners Limited
 - Tivit, a leading technology service provider in Brazil
- Bally Technologies, Inc. in its \$5.1 billion acquisition by Scientific Games Corporation, a supplier of instant-win lottery tickets and a manufacturer of lottery terminals
- Cineworld Group plc in its \$3.6 billion acquisition of Regal Entertainment Group
- Colfax Corporation in the sale of its fluid handling products to CIRCOR International, Inc. and its acquisition of Victor Technologies Group Inc. from Irving Place Capital
- Crane Co. in connection with its spin-off transaction resulting in two separate public companies
- DaimlerChrysler Group in the \$7.4 billion sale of The Chrysler Group to Cerberus Capital Management
- DuckCreek Technologies in its \$2.6 billion sale to Vista Equity Partners
- Foot Locker in its pending \$2.4 billion sale to Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.
- Gucci Group N.V. in its successful defense against a hostile takeover attempt by LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton S.A.; and its independent directors in connection with Pinault-Printemps-Redoute's acquisition of the publicly held shares of Gucci; and in numerous acquisitions of European luxury goods companies, including Sanofi Beauté (which includes the Yves Saint Laurent clothing and perfume businesses), Balenciaga S.A., Stella McCartney Ltd., Alexander McQueen Ltd. and Bedat S.A.

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- J. C. Penney Company, Inc. in its acquisition of the Liz Claiborne and Monet trademarks from Liz Claiborne, Inc.
 - Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc. in its \$3.9 billion sale to The Carlyle Group and Hellman & Friedman
 - SeaCube Containers, Ltd. in its \$1.7 billion acquisition by Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan
 - Tom Ford International in its acquisition by Estée Lauder in a transaction valuing Tom Ford and its licensing affiliates at \$2.8 billion
 - the independent members of the board of directors of Time Warner Cable Inc. in its acquisition by Charter Communications
 - WABCO Holdings Inc. in its \$7 billion acquisition by ZF Friedrichshafen AG
 - ZeniMax Media Inc. in its \$7.5 billion acquisition by Microsoft Corporation

Ms. Stebbins lectures and participates in seminars on topics related to her practice. She was recognized as an Outstanding Women Leader by Georgetown University Law Center and was the 2018 recipient of the John Carroll Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a Georgetown alumnus. She has also been named one of *The American Lawyer's* Dealmakers of the Year, recognized as a Woman Dealmaker of the Year by The M&A Advisor and honored as one of America's Top 250 Lawyers by *Forbes*. In addition, she has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers USA*, as well as honored as one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Lawyers in America and 500 Leading Dealmakers in America.