

Partner, New York

Mergers and Acquisitions



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## Education

J.D., New York University  
School of Law, 1995 (*cum laude*)

B.A., Boston College, 1990  
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## Bar Admissions

New York

Neil P. Stronski concentrates in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities law and general corporate matters.

Mr. Stronski has represented acquirers, targets and financial advisors in a number of significant U.S. and international mergers and acquisitions, including public and private transactions, negotiated and contested acquisitions, and other corporate matters. In recognition of his work, Mr. Stronski was named one of *The American Lawyer's* Dealmakers of the Year in 2025.

He has represented:

- Mars, Inc. in numerous transactions, including its acquisition of Kellanova, acquisition of VCA, Inc., acquisition of BluePearl Veterinary Partners LLC, acquisition of Procter & Gamble's pet business, acquisition of Pet Partners, and sale of its private label pet food business
- MP Materials in numerous transactions, including its:
  - public-private partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense that includes a multibillion-dollar package of investments and long-term commitments to support U.S. rare earth magnetism independence
  - announced plans to establish a strategic joint venture with the U.S. Department of War and the Saudi Arabian Mining Company (Maaden) to develop a rare earth refinery in Saudi Arabia
- Pinnacle Entertainment in its acquisition by Penn National Gaming, Inc., and the spin-off of its gaming operations and acquisition of its real estate by Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.
- FedEx in the planned separation of FedEx and FedEx Freight into two industry-leading public companies
- Edwards Lifesciences in the \$4.2 billion sale of its Critical Care business to Becton, Dickinson and Company
- Trinity Industries, Inc. in the spin-off of its infrastructure business and related corporate matters
- Tamko Building Products in connection with an investment by The Carlyle Group and related corporate matters
- Lanxess AG in its acquisition of Chemtura Corporation
- Merck KGaA in a number of transactions, including its acquisition of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation, and sale of its crop bioscience business to Novozymes A/S
- ASML Holdings N.V. in its acquisition of Cymer, Inc.
- Serono S.A. and the Bertarelli Family in the acquisition of Serono by Merck KGaA
- Activision Blizzard, Inc. in its acquisition of its shares from Vivendi S.A. and related reorganization
- Cephalon, Inc. in connection with the unsolicited proposal made by Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. and in its subsequent merger with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
- Grupo Ferrer Internacional, S.A. in its acquisition of Alexza Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- Morgan Stanley in the sale of its interest in China International Capital Corporation

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- ING Americas in the sale of its group reinsurance business to RGA
  - Alcoa Inc. in its proposed (but terminated) unsolicited acquisition of Alcan Inc.
  - PacifiCare Health Systems, Inc. in its merger with UnitedHealth Group Inc.
  - UnitedHealth Group Incorporated in its acquisition of Oxford Health Plans, Inc.
  - The May Department Stores Co. in its merger with The Federated Department Stores
  - AdvancePCS in its merger with CaremarkRx, Inc.
  - Warner-Lambert Co. in its proposed (but terminated) merger of equals with American Home Products and in its acquisition by Pfizer Inc.
  - Mobil Corporation in its merger with Exxon Corporation
  - The Mead Corporation in its merger with Westvaco Corporation
  - MacMillan Bloedel Limited in its acquisition by Weyerhaeuser Company

Mr. Stronski also has advised several of Skadden's investment banking clients in financings and transactional work, and he has represented both issuers and underwriters in equity and debt offerings.