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## Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2004 (Editorial Board, *Virginia Law Review*; Order of the Coif)

A.B., Princeton University, 2001

## Bar Admissions

New York

Gavin A. White advises clients on a wide variety of U.S. and international tax matters, including public and private acquisitions, divestitures, bankruptcy reorganizations, equity and debt offerings, and joint ventures. Mr. White serves as the firm's global hiring partner and is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. He was named as one of *Law360's* Rising Stars in Tax in 2018.

Mr. White's representative matters include:

- **Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc.** in its \$71.3 billion acquisition by the Walt Disney Company and the related premerger spin-off of certain news, sports and broadcast businesses;
- **Express Scripts** in its \$67 billion acquisition by Cigna Corporation and its \$3.6 billion acquisition of EviCore Healthcare, LLC;
- **Centene Corporation** in its pending \$17.3 billion merger with WellCare Health Plans, Inc.;
- **Fortive Corporation** in its \$3 billion tax-free spin-off via a Reverse Morris Trust of four operating companies from its Automation & Specialty platform to Altra Industrial Motion Corp.;
- **Sealed Air Corporation** on its \$3.2 billion sale of Diversey Care to Bain Capital;
- **CBS Corporation** (as special REIT tax counsel) in the spin-off and REIT conversion of its subsidiary, CBS Outdoor Americas Inc.; and in the \$644 million initial public offering of common stock of CBS Outdoor Americas;
- **News Corporation** in its \$950 million acquisition of Move, Inc.;
- **Joh. A. Benckiser GmbH**, a holding company based in Germany, as the lead investor in its US\$9.8 billion acquisition of D.E. Master Blenders 1753 N.V. (the Netherlands), a coffee and tea producer. Skadden also advised on the related €3.3 billion acquisition financing, which won *International Financial Review's* EMEA Leveraged Loan of the Year award for 2013;
- **Danaher Corporation** in its \$13.8 billion acquisition of Pall Corporation; the US\$2.6 billion merger of its communications business with NetScout Systems, Inc.; its tax-free spin-off of its specialty industrials business into a separate, publicly traded company called Fortive Corp.;
- **Permira Funds** (United Kingdom) in the \$3.5 billion sale of its portfolio company, Arysta LifeScience Limited (Ireland), to Platform Specialty Products Corporation; its \$2.8 billion sale of its portfolio company Iglo Foods Holdings Limited (United Kingdom) to Nomad Holdings Limited (British Virgin Islands); and its 1.8 billion acquisition of Duff & Phelps Corporation;
- **Wendel (France)** and its portfolio company AlliedBarton Security Services LLC in AlliedBarton's merger with Universal Services of America, Inc.;
- **Fortress Transportation and Infrastructure Investors LLC**, an owner and acquirer of transportation and transportation-related infrastructure assets, in its \$340 million initial public offering of common shares representing limited liability company interests;
- **Freescale Semiconductor, Ltd.** and a private equity consortium, including **The Blackstone Group L.P.**, **The Carlyle Group LP**, **Permira Funds** (United Kingdom) and **TPG Capital, L.P.**, in Freescale's \$11.8 billion acquisition by NXP Semiconductors NV (the Netherlands);
- **NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.** in several transactions, including its acquisitions of the e-Speed platform for electronic trading in U.S. Treasury securities, Instinet Group, Inc. and Direct Reporting Corporation; its repurchase of \$500 million of common stock from Borse Dubai Limited; its sale of International Derivatives Clearing Group; and numerous debt and equity offerings;
- **Bai Brands, LLC** in its \$1.7 billion acquisition by Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Inc.; and
- **NXP Semiconductors N.V.** in its proposed but terminated acquisition by Qualcomm Inc.