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Michael Wiseman provides compensation and benefits advice to public and private companies in all manner of domestic and cross-border transactions. Mr. Wiseman represents companies, boards of directors, independent and compensation committees, executive management teams and members of management on executive compensation matters that arise in the ordinary course of business and with respect to extraordinary events, including leadership transitions.

He regularly provides tax-planning advice with respect to Internal Revenue Code Sections 409A and 162(m), as well as the excise tax on “golden parachute” payments under Sections 280G and 4999 and related sections. Mr. Wiseman also assists clients with the design and implementation of equity- and cash-based incentive plans and awards, profit and capital interest participation in partnership and LLC arrangements, and executive and non-executive employment, severance, retention and change-in-control programs and agreements. He also frequently advises clients regarding Securities and Exchange Commission rules governing compensation- and benefits-related disclosures, equity-related registration requirements and exemptions and compliance with related rules under NYSE and Nasdaq listing standards.

A cellist, Mr. Wiseman spent several years in professional orchestras and conservatories prior to practicing law, continuing to play when time allows.