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Practice Profile: Young focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, with a particular emphasis on public company M&A and private equity, securities offerings of equity and debt, and general corporate matters. His clients include strategic buyers and sellers in the technology, financial services, energy and health care industries, as well as investment banks and private equity sponsors.

He has advised alternative asset managers regarding diversification efforts, and has played a lead role in the diversification efforts of client KKR & Co., a private equity firm. He helped guide KKR toward the launch of its first registered investment companies. He also represents Court Square Capital Partners, Spring Creek Investment Management and Evercore Partners, among others. He advised Evercore as financial advisers to the board of directors of Clearwire Corp. in connection with Sprint's \$3.8 billion acquisition of that company.

"He has successfully funneled his deep expertise in private equity into helping clients integrate registered investment products within a traditional private equity model, while simultaneously meeting SEC demands for increased transparency," said Dechert partner Henry Nassau.

Leadership Activity: Young is a member of the firm's integrated client service committee and team leader of the global UBS client team, coordinating Dechert's relationship with UBS across practice groups and on three continents. He is also co-leader of a training program for corporate associates.

Pro Bono and Civic Work: Young does pro bono work through the Homeless Advocacy Project, Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Program, the Maternal Child Health Coalition and more. He leads a team providing pro bono legal services to the Penn State University Hillel Center for Jewish Life. He is also a board member of the Philadelphia School.

Experience: Current employer, 2006-present; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, 2002-06.

Education: Columbia University Law School, J.D., 2002; Cornell University, B.A., 1997.