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Services

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Gareth Clark represents large and middle market buyout funds and their portfolio companies on a broad range of U.S. and international complex corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, carve-out transactions, going-private transactions, leveraged buyouts, divestitures, growth capital investments, joint ventures, corporate restructurings, and other investments throughout a company's capital structure. He also advises his clients in connection with corporate governance, liquidity events, and management equity.

Over the course of his career, he has represented numerous private equity firms, including Apollo Global Management, Cerberus Capital Management, Searchlight Capital Partners, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., Sterling Investment Partners, Stripes Group, Tengram Capital Partners and VisioCap. As a result of his diverse client base, Mr. Clark has deep knowledge of the latest market terms and conditions and his clients benefit from his commercial savvy. His experience extends across industries, including chemicals and industrials, consumer products and services, healthcare and life sciences, technology, telecommunications, financial services, agriculture and advertising.

In 2019, Mr. Clark was named a Rising Star by the *New York Law Journal*. The annual award recognizes the most promising young lawyers in the region. He has also been listed as a recommended lawyer for mergers and acquisitions and private equity buyouts by *The Legal 500* (U.S.), a legal directory based on the opinions of clients and peers, where he was cited in the 2019 edition as "very knowledgeable, responsive, hard working and dedicated." In addition, Mr. Clark has been shortlisted by legal directory *Chambers USA* for 2019 LGBT+ Equality Lawyer of the Year, an award which recognizes a partner who is leading the way in their commitment to LGBT+ diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Clark is a leading voice for one of Dechert's core values – diversity. He serves as Co-Chair of Dechert's LGBTQ Affinity Group and is the Co-Diversity Liaison Partner for Dechert's Global Corporate Department. He is also a member of the Firm's Hiring Committee.

Prior to joining Dechert, Mr. Clark was a member of the private equity and mergers and acquisitions groups of another international law firm.

EXPERIENCE

- **Cerberus Capital Management** and **PaxVax** in connection with the sale of PaxVax, a company focused on specialty vaccines that protect against existing and emerging infectious diseases, to Emergent BioSolutions Inc. (NYSE: EBS).
- **One Equity Partners** and **PeroxyChem** in the proposed US\$625 million sale of PeroxyChem to German-headquartered Evonik Industries (FRA: EVK).
- **Centric Brands Inc.** (NASDAQ: CTRC), a portfolio of global consumer brands comprised of Hudson, Robert Graham and SWIMS, in connection with its US\$1.2 billion carve-out acquisition of a significant part of the North American licensing business of Hong Kong-listed Global Brands Group Holding Limited, which includes Disney, Star Wars, Calvin Klein, Under Armour, Tommy Hilfiger, BCBG, bebe, Joe's, Buffalo David Bitton, Frye, Michael Kors, Cole Haan and Kenneth Cole.
- **Tengram Capital Partners** and its portfolio company, Earth Treks Climbing and Fitness, in connection with the acquisition by Earth Treks of Planet Granite: Climbing, Fitness and Yoga.
- **Tengram Capital Partners** in the sale of its portfolio company, NEST Fragrances, a leading lifestyle fragrance brand, to Eurazeo Brands.
- **Griffon Corporation** in the acquisition of ClosetMaid Corporation, a market leader of home storage and organization products, from Emerson Electric Co.
- **Sterling Investment Partners** in its sale of Service Logic, the largest provider of aftermarket maintenance, repair and replacement services for commercial HVAC equipment, to affiliates of private equity firm Warburg Pincus.
- **Sterling Investment Partners** in its investment in Marcone Appliance Parts, a leading distributor of aftermarket parts for the repair of residential appliances in the United States and Canada.
- **Stripes Group** in its investments in Levain Bakery and Siete Family Foods.

EDUCATION

- Monash University, LLB, B.Com, 2004

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Victoria

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **NYU Stern's Annual Venture Capital & Private Equity Conference** — New York, NY (February 22, 2019)

Moderator, "Growth Equity & Staying Private Longer" panel.