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William G. Lawlor heads Dechert's Global Corporate Governance Group. With experience spanning four decades, he represents companies, boards of directors, special committees and investors in a broad range of national and cross-border M&A, governance matters, securities offerings, proxy contests, activist campaigns and merger arbitrage. A frequent advisor to general counsel, Mr. Lawlor's practice includes strategic and litigation advice within the context of broader corporate matters.

Mr. Lawlor frequently advises companies and investors engaged in sophisticated M&A and proxy contests in Pennsylvania with respect to Pennsylvania's complex takeover statutes.

He is consistently recognized as a leading lawyer for corporate/M&A and private equity by *Chambers USA*, a referral guide to leading lawyers in the United States, which has cited Mr. Lawlor as "smart, practical and efficient." Clients have also praised him as "a super tough negotiator and a quick thinker—a lawyer you would follow to any corner of the States." He is regularly recommended in the mergers and acquisitions: large deals and capital markets: debt and global offerings categories by *The Legal 500 U.S.*, which has described him as "highly reputed" and "a great negotiator" who is "adept at finding pragmatic solutions." Relentlessly client focused, Mr. Lawlor has also been recognized as a leader for client service excellence in *The BTI Client Service All-Star Team for Law Firms 2011*. In addition, he is a leading media commentator and has published dozens of articles in leading trade journals.

EXPERIENCE

- US\$5.6 billion, US\$3.9 billion, US\$1.6 billion and US\$1.2 billion acquisitions, several multi-billion dollar debt restructurings, and a US\$750 million divestiture by **Crown Holdings, Inc.** and numerous other significant domestic and international transactions.
- Numerous capital markets and M&A transactions for **Amkor Technology, Inc.**
- US\$1 billion divestiture and a US\$460 million tender offer by **Rohm and Haas**, and several transactions for its affiliate **The Dow Chemical Company**.
- US\$170 million tender offer and other significant M&A transactions for **Siemens AG**.
- US\$1 billion tender offer by **Dyckerhoff AG**.
- US\$550 million IPO and debt placement by **Constar International, Inc.**
- US\$255 million acquisition and a US\$352 million acquisition by **Israel Chemicals Ltd.**
- **Triam Fund Management, L.P.** proxy contest to successfully elect directors of **HJ Heinz**.
- US\$650 million leveraged recapitalization and a US\$270 million tender offer by companies associated with the private equity sponsor **Bruckmann Rosser & Sherrill**.

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1977
- Stanford Law School, J.D., 1980

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

MEMBERSHIPS

- Former President, Board of Trustees, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Eastern PA Chapter
- Chairman's Advisory Council Member and former Director, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
- Member, Board of Trustees, Radnor Memorial Library
- Title 15/Business Associations Committee (state bar legislative oversight)
- Board of Advisors, *DealLawyers.com*

- Mergers & Acquisitions Editorial Advisory Board, *Law360* (2015-2017)