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Areas of Practice

Commercial Lending | Corporate Law | Corporate Governance | Financing and Commercial Transactions | Manufacturing | Mergers and Acquisitions | Private Equity/Venture Capital | Securities | Strategic Alliances and Joint Ventures | Technology | Non-Profit Organizations and Trade Associations

Mr. Schwartz formerly served as the Firm's Managing Partner and Finance Partner. In his practice, Mr. Schwartz has particular expertise in mergers and acquisitions, finance, securities, commercial leasing and technology.

Mr. Schwartz represents and advises clients in all types of mergers and acquisition transactions including "going private" and "leveraged buyout transactions," representing both buyers, sellers and financing parties. He regularly consults with public and privately held clients on the effective use of capital structure to accomplish a variety of financing objectives. In addition, Mr. Schwartz has an active practice in business acquisition and divestiture transactions, especially where the transactions involved complex financing structure issues. He regularly represents borrowers and secured and unsecured lenders in connection with all types of financing transactions and public companies and underwriters in connection with public equity and debt offerings.

Mr. Schwartz has extensive experience working with technology companies and in all aspects of their business, including organizational structure, financing and capital raising, mergers and acquisitions and public and private securities offerings.

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He has served on The University of North Carolina Jewish Studies Center Advisory Board from 2003 to 2010 and the Board of Trustees of the Atlanta Jewish Federation and its Endowment Fund Board from 1999 to 2008, as well as the Board of Visitors of Emory University from 2006 to 2009. From 1999 to 2002 he served on The Emory Law School Council. He is also a Past President of The Temple in Atlanta, where he was president from 2002 to 2004 and served as the Chairman of the Endowment Board of Trustees from 2013 to 2018. Mr. Schwartz has spoken at professional education seminars on small business and financing topics.

Mr. Schwartz received his A.B. degree in History and Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1969. He received his J.D. degree from Emory University in 1972, where he was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal honor fraternity.

Experience

- Represented **The Adecco Group**, the world's leading provider of work force solutions, in the sale of the legal consulting and e-discovery business to Consilio.
- Represented **Hicks Electric & Utility Supply Company, Inc.** in its sale to Winsupply.
- Represented **Account Control Technology Holdings, Inc.**, one of the nation's leading debt recovery accounts receivable management and business process outsourcing companies, in its sale to TransWorld Systems, Inc.
- Represented **The Adecco Group**, the world's leading provider of work force solutions, in connection with the \$612 million sale of Soliant Health, its U.S. healthcare staffing business, to Olympus Partners.
- Represented **Gigamonster**, one of the nation's leading fiber based internet providers in the multi-family industry, in the sale of a majority interest to Barrings, one of the world's leading financial services firms.
- Represented **Republic National Distributing Company, LLC**, the second largest distributor of alcohol beverage products, in connection with its joint venture with Young's Market Company.
- Represented **Gigamonster**, one of the nation's leading fiber based network providers in the multi-family industry, in connection with its acquisition of Amtec Communications.
- Represented **MS Biotech**, a leading provider of natural proprietary products that maximize performance in the beef feed lot and dairy markets, in connection with a sale of a majority interest to Paine Schwartz Partners.
- Represented **The Adecco Group**, the world's leading provider of work force solutions, in connection with its acquisition of Bio Bridges, a career portfolio management company.
- Represented **The Adecco Group**, the world's leading provider of work force solutions, in connection with the sale of its subsidiary, Onforce, to World Market.

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- Represented **Ironwood Capital Partners** in the sale of their fund management business, Timbervest, which is comprised of a 530,000-acre timberland portfolio worth approximately \$1 billion.
- Represented **Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation** in the sale of Atmosphere Annealing and NitroSteel to Z Capital.
- Represented **Trinity Healthcare Staffing Group** in its acquisition by Travel Nurse Across America (TNA).
- Represented **Adecco Group** in the merger of its subsidiary Beeline with IQNavigator.
- Represented **Nutrition Physiology Corporation** in its sale to private equity firm, The Halifax Group, LLC.
- Represented **AirTran Holdings, Inc.** in connection with AirTran's attempted \$445 million acquisition of Midwest Air Group, Inc.
- Represented **Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation** in its acquisition of a controlling interest in Pacific Coast Steel, Inc. and Bay Area Re-enforcing.
- Represented **National Distributing Company, Inc.** in its combination with Republic Beverage Company.
- Represented **Given Imaging, Ltd.** in the acquisition of the Smart Pill Corporation assets.
- Represented **Sasco Chemical Group, Inc.** in connection with its sale to private equity firm, Arsenal Capital Partners.
- Represented **Lamin-Art, Inc.** in its sale to the Arborite subsidiary of Wilson-Art Engineered Services.
- Represented **Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc.** in the purchase of Cycle Systems, Inc.
- Represented **Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc.** in the sale of the Bright Bar Division to Nucor Corporation.
- Represented **Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc.** in its purchase of Tamco Steel from Ameron International Corporation, Mitsui & Co. (USA), Inc. and Tokyo Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
- Represented **Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc.** in the sale of Sand Springs Railway Company.
- Represented **Harbert Management**, a private equity firm, in connection with the acquisition of the assets of Sirious Technologies, Inc.

Admissions

Georgia

Georgia State Courts

U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia

Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

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Memberships

Lawyers Club of Atlanta

State Bar of Georgia, Corporate and Banking Sections

Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Board of Trustees – Life Trustee

The Emory Law School Council (1999-2002)

The Temple, President (2002-2004)

The University of North Carolina Jewish Studies Center, Advisory Board (2003-2010)

Emory University Board of Visitors (2005-2009)

American Jewish Committee – Atlanta Board of Trustees (2008-)

University of North Carolina Board of Visitors (2012- 2015)

Chair, The Temple Endowment Board of Trustees (2013- 2018)