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Neil Balmert concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, business transactions, limited liability companies, partnerships and S corporations, advising start-ups, and general business and tax counseling.

EXPERIENCE

RECENT MATTERS

- Represented public target in tax-free reverse triangular merger
- Represented S Corporation target in US\$500 million acquisition by public company
- Represented private target in a US\$600 million leveraged buyout transaction by a private equity firm with tax-free rollover of management equity
- Advised limited partners on rollover of equity in connection with sale of major league baseball franchise
- Advised public company client in structuring a US\$805 million cash and stock acquisition of a private company in a forward triangular merger
- Obtained favorable Internal Revenue Service private letter rulings regarding downstream reorganization of a public company

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California

Recognitions

Neil has been selected as a Southern California Super Lawyer and recommended by *Legal 500 US* for his "broad business tax practice."

He has received an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, its highest possible rating for both legal liability and ethical

RELATED SERVICES

- Tax
- International Tax Counsel
- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Private Equity
- Transactional Tax Planning

standards and was selected by *San Diego Magazine* for its list of "Top Lawyers in San Diego."

Education

- J.D., University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law
- B.B.A., University of Notre Dame
cum laude

Civic and Charitable

- General Counsel, San Diego Sports Association

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Qualcomm in US\$1.4 billion acquisition of NUVIA

15 January 2021

DLA Piper represented Qualcomm Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of Qualcomm Incorporated, in the acquisition of NUVIA, a world-class CPU and technology design team, with industry-leading expertise in high performance processors, for approximately US\$1.4 billion before working capital and other adjustments.

DLA Piper advises Flock Freight in its US\$113.5 million Series C financing

3 December 2020

DLA Piper represented Flock Freight, a San Diego-based digital logistics provider that offers a shared truckload shipping solution for businesses, in its recent US\$113.5 million Series C financing led by Softbank Vision Fund 2, with participation from existing investors SignalFire, GLP Capital Partners, and GV, as well as a new minority investment by strategic partner Volvo Group Venture Capital.

DLA Piper advises Cloudbeds in its US\$82 million Series C financing

13 March 2020

DLA Piper represented Cloudbeds, a San Diego-based hospitality management solution provider, in its recent US\$82 million Series C financing.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Coronavirus-Disrupted Drug Firm's \$12M Ch. 11 Loan Gets OK," *Law360*, March 12, 2020