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Brent Bernell provides counsel to public and private companies in a variety of industries on corporate and securities matters.

Brent's experience includes representation of public issuers and underwriters in registered and unregistered public equity and debt offerings, private companies and institutional investors in private equity and venture capital financings, strategic and financial buyers and sellers in merger and acquisitions, issuers with respect to public company disclosure and compliance requirements and a variety of clients on matters of corporate governance and general corporate advice.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Texas

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School 2011
magna cum laude
- B.A., Public Policy Studies, Duke University 2007
magna cum laude

Publications

SEC provides additional guidance regarding COVID-19 disclosures

- Corporate
 - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
 - Capital Markets
 - Private Equity
 - Public Company and Corporate Governance
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- Technology
 - Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

26 June 2020

Additional guidance for public companies when evaluating their disclosures with respect to business and market disruptions resulting from COVID-19.

Beyond the Curve: A framework for public company directors

15 June 2020

A guide for directors navigating the unprecedented complexities public companies face today and over the horizon.

SEC adopts amendments to required financial disclosures for acquisitions and dispositions of business

29 May 2020

Public companies can utilize the new rules on a voluntary basis effective immediately, so long as they adopt the amendments in their entirety.

SEC provides additional filing relief and disclosure guidance in light of COVID-19

6 April 2020

In addition, the Division of Corporation Finance issued disclosure guidance regarding the impact of the pandemic.

Coronavirus: stock repurchase considerations and guidance for US public companies

18 March 2020

General guidance and insights to assist boards of directors and senior management of US public companies as they evaluate potential stock repurchases.

Coronavirus: SEC provides guidance for conducting annual meeting (United States)

17 March 2020

The SEC provides a process for companies to notify shareholders of a change in date, time or location of the annual meeting and guidance on the holding of virtual or hybrid annual meetings and the presentation of shareholder proposals.

Considerations for virtual annual shareholder meetings in light of the coronavirus (United States)

6 March 2020

With the proxy season upon us, many public companies are grappling with how to responsibly hold annual shareholder meetings in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

SEC provides filing extension for companies affected by coronavirus (United States)

5 March 2020

Companies that file public reports that are unable to meet filing deadlines due to the COVID-19 outbreak will have an additional 45 days

to file.

Coronavirus considerations and guidance for US public companies (United States)

3 March 2020

While the situation remains fluid and the specific impacts on most companies are uncertain, the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak may create risks in all aspects of business.

2020 Proxy Season Hot Topics: Part 1 – Ten tips for implementing SEC rule changes in your upcoming Form 10-K and proxy statement

25 February 2020

Proxy Season Hot Topics

Addressing new SEC rules and recent guidance in the 2020 proxy season.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Q2 Holdings in its issuance of US\$350 million of convertible senior notes in private exchange and subscription transactions

14 December 2020

DLA Piper represented Q2 Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: QTWO), a leading provider of digital transformation solutions for banking and lending, in private exchange and subscription transactions with certain holders of its outstanding 0.75% convertible senior notes due 2023 and certain new investors.

DLA Piper advises Q2 Holdings in US\$362 million common stock offering

19 May 2020

DLA Piper represented Q2 Holdings, Inc., a leading provider of digital transformation solutions for banking and lending, in a US\$362 million underwritten registered public offering of common stock.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.
