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Sid Burke co-chairs the firm's New York corporate group and has a varied corporate and securities practice focused on mergers, acquisitions, and other complex business transactions, including SPAC IPOs and business combinations.

He advises investment funds with varied strategies (including private equity, growth equity and venture capital) in structuring, negotiating and executing portfolio company investments and financings, and counsels funds in their formation and internal governance.

He also has represented public companies on an ongoing basis, and he regularly counsels senior management, corporate boards, investment banks and controlling stockholders with respect to mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and joint ventures, corporate governance, fairness opinions, disclosure and securities regulations.

Sid also serves as the chair of the firm's pro bono committee for the New York office and is a member of DLA Piper's North American Pro Bono Committee. He previously served as hiring partner for DLA Piper's New York office.

Sid's transactional experience includes:

- Acquisitions and dispositions of public companies, private companies and various business divisions
- Structuring and negotiating joint venture arrangements
- Private equity fund formation
- Leveraged buyouts
- High-yield debt offerings
- Mezzanine financings

- Corporate
- Private Equity
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Company and Corporate Governance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Global Investment Funds
- Finance
- Debt Finance

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Financial Services
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Technology
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Life Sciences

- Venture capital, growth equity and other private equity financings

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New York

Education

- J.D., New York University School of Law 2002
cum laude
- A.B., Environmental Science and Public Policy, Harvard University 1999
magna cum laude

INSIGHTS

Publications

SEC focus on SPACs: Key takeaways from recent SEC statements and enforcement activity

28 April 2021

The SEC's attention to SPACs is not surprising given the explosion in SPAC IPOs in 2020 and the first quarter of 2021.

Events

Previous

Round table on transactions, taxes and trust and estate planning

19 November 2020 | 12:30 EST

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III in the closing of its business combination with BioTe Holdings, LLC

31 May 2022

DLA Piper advised Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III, a special purpose acquisition company, in the closing of its business combination with BioTe Holdings, LLC, a high-growth, differentiated medical practice-building business within the hormone optimization space.

DLA Piper advises Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III in business combination with BioTE Holdings, LLC

13 December 2021

DLA Piper represented Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III, a special purpose acquisition company, in its business combination with BioTE Holdings, LLC (Biote), a high-growth, differentiated medical practice-building business within the hormone optimization space. Upon closing, the combined company's Class A common stock is expected to be traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "BTMD."

DLA Piper advises Capitalworks Emerging Markets Acquisition Corp in US\$230 million IPO

6 December 2021

DLA Piper represented Capitalworks Emerging Markets Acquisition Corp in its initial public offering of 23,000,000 units at a price of \$10.00 per unit, which included the full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase an additional 3,000,000 units from the company.

DLA Piper advises Stifel in Tastemaker Acquisition Corp.'s US\$276 million IPO and advises Stifel and Nomura in OCA Acquisition Corp.'s US\$149.5 million IPO

21 January 2021

DLA Piper represented Stifel as sole book-running manager of the US\$276 million initial public offering by Tastemaker Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) focused on the restaurant, hospitality, and related technology and service sectors globally.

PRO BONO

Sid serves as the chair of the firm's pro bono committee for the New York office and is a member of DLA Piper's North American pro bono committee. His pro bono activities have been focused primarily on educational opportunity. In the past, he has provided corporate governance advice to Head Start programs and served as outside general counsel to a non-profit that provides educational and other programs to children and adults living with autism. Sid served as a member of the board of trustees of the Amani Public Charter School (located in Mount Vernon, Amani is the first independent charter school in Westchester County) from its founding in 2010, and served as chair of its board of trustees from 2013, through the end of 2021.