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Brian Cadousteau concentrates in securities and corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate counseling, with an emphasis on the representation of emerging growth companies and venture capital firms.

In addition to advising clients on general corporate governance matters, Brian has experience in entity formations, venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions and venture capital fund formation and operational matters. He represents early stage, venture-backed and public companies, as well as venture capital funds and other corporate investors and acquirers. He also advises on the federal income tax aspects of executive compensation matters, including non-qualified deferred compensation arrangements (Section 409A) and golden parachute payments (Section 280G).

Representative Matters:

- A B2B data marketing company in its sale to a publicly-traded marketing technology and services company
- A cloud software company in its sale to a publicly-traded technology company
- The chief executive officer of a privately held biotechnology company in the negotiation of his executive compensation package
- An e-commerce company in its sale to a group of strategic investors
- An HVAC technology company in its partial sale to a publicly-traded multinational engineering and aerospace company
- The chief executive officer of a privately held health care company in the negotiation of his executive compensation package
- A venture capital fund in its initial fundraising

- Corporate
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Global Investment Funds
- Employment
- Public Company and Corporate Governance
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity
- Tax

- Life Sciences
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Technology

Admissions

- Washington

Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper, Brian worked at a Seattle-based business law firm and at a major accounting firm. In law school, Brian was a judicial extern for the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez in US District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Recognitions

Brian has been named a "Rising Star" by the *Washington Super Lawyer* listings for 2018 – 2020.

Education

- J.D., Seattle University Law School
- B.A., Gonzaga University

Memberships

- Young Lawyers Division Board of Trustees, King County Bar Association 2016 – 2019
- Chair, Business Law Section, King County Bar Association 2014 – 2016
- Member, Social Venture Partners 2016 – Present
- Board of Directors, Team Read 2015 – 2018

Civic and Charitable

- Judge, Dempsey Startup Competition 2016 – Present
- Volunteer Attorney, KCBA Neighborhood Legal Clinic 2013 – Present

INSIGHTS

Events

- Panelist, "Decoding the Offer – Sweat the Equity" Madrona Venture Group (October 2017)

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Ekata in its US\$850 million acquisition by Mastercard

21 April 2021

DLA Piper represented Ekata, Inc. in its agreement to be acquired by Mastercard for US\$850 million.

DLA Piper advises Edifecs in growth investment from TA Associates and Francisco Partners

24 September 2020

DLA Piper represented Edifecs, Inc. in a recent growth investment from TA Associates and Francisco Partners.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Paul Weiss Reps Mastercard's \$850M Digital Security Co. Buy," *Law 360*, April 19, 2021