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Sarah Kahn practices in the area of corporate and securities, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions. Sarah has represented clients in a broad range of industries in connection with mergers and acquisitions of both private and public companies, including manufacturers, technology developers, and service providers, with special experience in mergers and acquisitions for clients in international aerospace and defense. She also counsels clients in connection with their joint ventures and on matters of national security, including reviews before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and the structuring and negotiation of foreign ownership, control or influence (FOCI) mitigation arrangements under applicable national industrial security regulations.

- Corporate
- Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity

- Government Contracting

Chambers USA has repeatedly recognized Sarah, having highlighted her as an "expert in advising companies working in defense, aerospace and government services on M&A," with "experience and ability [that] are a key draw for transactional work," and quoted clients who noted "[s]he is a delight to work with – smart, savvy, practical and tough!," "[s]he does a marvelous job at mastering the complexities of a deal and converting them into advantages for her client," and have described her as "an 'invaluable' resource" and "elite business attorney" who is "smart, easy to contact, [with] practical, commercial good sense," and "an expert in her field, she thinks creatively about difficult transactional issues and leaves no stone unturned," noting that she is "always thinking about our matters and coming up with creative solutions," and "is smart, organized, efficient, constructive and collaborative." Clients have also praised Sarah's "amazing rapport and great relationships with regulatory staff," her "phenomenal" knowledge in the national security space, as well as "her 'superior interpersonal skills, availability, responsiveness, and broad knowledge base."

Ms. Kahn was named the 2009 Top Washington Lawyer-Corporate M&A by the *Washington Business Journal*; named a 2013 finalist for Up and Coming Corporate/M&A Lawyer of the Year in the *Chambers USA Women in Law Awards*, named to *Euromoney's 2013 Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law*, and repeatedly recognized by *Chambers* and *The Legal 500* for her M&A work.

EXPERIENCE

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *CAE Inc.*, a Canada-based simulation and training company, and its US subsidiary *CAE USA Inc.* in their \$1.05 billion acquisition of the L3 Military Training business from L3Harris.
- *BAE Systems, Inc.*, a US subsidiary of BAE Systems PLC, a UK-based international defense contractor, and its subsidiary *BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc.*, in various acquisitions, including the recent \$1.925 billion acquisition of the Military Global Positioning Systems business of United Technologies Corporation/Collins Aerospace; its \$275 million acquisition of the Airborne Tactical Radios business of Raytheon; and its acquisition of Riptide Autonomous Solutions.
- An Australia based company in its establishment of a U.S. subsidiary to undertake sensitive work for the U.S. government.
- *T-Mobile US, Inc.* in connection with Sprint Corporation's \$26 billion merger with T-Mobile.
- BAE Systems, Inc. and its subsidiary *BAE Systems Southeast Shipyard AMHC Inc.* in its sale of BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards Alabama LLC to Epic Maritime Asset Holdings, LLC.
- *Alaris Holdings Ltd.*, a South Africa-based public company, and its subsidiary *Alaris Investment Holdings UK Limited*, in its acquisition of mWAVE Industries LLC.
- *Menzies Aviation* in connection with its acquisition of ASIG, a provider of global aviation support and aftermarket services.
- A *global Asia-based tech company* in connection with various acquisitions in the aerospace, defense and government services sector division which provides outsourced engineering and staff augmentation services primarily to aerospace original equipment manufacturers.
- *Leonardo US Aircraft, Inc.* (f/k/a Alenia Aermacchi North America, Inc.), a subsidiary of Leonardo S.p.A., an Italy-based public company, on various corporate governance matters.
- *Airbus Group* in its acquisition of Navtech Inc., a global provider of flight operations solutions.
- A *defense and security solutions company* in connection with its sale of its radio frequency and microwave subsystems businesses for use in radar, electronic warfare, communication, missile, flight test and simulation applications.
- *SOS International LLC*, a government services integrator that works principally in the defense and intelligence sectors, in its acquisition of New World Solutions, a defense and intelligence contracting firm that specializes in imagery science, cyber analytic and advanced technology research and development.
- *Measurement Specialties, Inc.*, a global sensor manufacturer, in connection with its acquisition by Switzerland-based TE Connectivity Ltd.
- *BioFire Diagnostics*, a manufacturer of viral and bacterial infection detection products, in connection with its acquisition by France-based BioMérieux S.A., a manufacturer of disease detection products and food, water and cosmetics quality testing products.
- *OPINICUS Corporation*, a flight simulation company, in its sale to Textron Inc.
- *Quest Global Holdings, LTD*, a UK-based company, and its subsidiary *QTec Analytics, LLC* in the acquisition of Monitor Government Venture Services, LLC, a consulting firm that advises governments, NGOs and corporations on issues of strategy.
- *Kongsberg Gruppen ASA*, an international company listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange that supplies high-technology systems and solutions to customers in the oil and gas, merchant marine, and defense and aerospace industries, and its subsidiary *Kongsberg Integrated Tactical Systems Inc.*, in KITS's acquisition of certain assets of Tacronics Holdings, LLC and Tacronics Group International, a provider of tactical integrated electronic systems for land and marine applications.
- *Leonardo SpA (f/k/a Finmeccanica-SpA)*, Italy's largest aerospace and defense company, in its acquisition of DRS Technologies, Inc., a supplier of integrated defense electronics products, services and support.
- *SES Americom, Inc.* and *Americom Government Services, Inc.* (AGS), in AGS's acquisition of AOS, Inc., a provider of satellite and secure communications services, network mobility and managed networks to US government customers.
- *DFI International*, a Washington, DC-based national security consulting firm, in:
 - Sale of DFI Corporate Services to The Avascent Group, a Washington, DC-based strategy and management consulting firm focused in defense, aerospace, and homeland security industries
 - Sale of DFI International and DFI Government Services to Detica Group plc, a UK-based information technology consulting and security services provider listed on the London Stock Exchange

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia

Recognitions

- *Euromoney 2013 Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law*
- *Chambers USA 2013 Women in Law Awards: Up and Coming Corporate/M&A Lawyer of the Year, Finalist*
- *Chambers USA 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, 2020 and 2021 for District of Columbia Corporate/M&A*
- *The Legal 500 United States 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 for M&A: Large Deals (\$1 billion – \$5 billion) and Middle Market (\$500 million – \$999 million)*
- *Washington Business Journal's "Top Washington Lawyers" 2009: Winner for Corporate M&A*

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
cum laude
- B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-author, "Defense industry M&A – avoiding pitfalls in a distressed deal context," *DLA Piper Government Contracts Alert (US), DLA Piper Mergers and Acquisitions Alert (US)* (May 15, 2014)
- Co-author, "Defense Industry M&A in the wake of the BCA Passage and Sequestration – Avoiding Pitfalls in the Distressed Deal Context," *The Government Contractor*, Vol. 56, No. 18 (May 7, 2014)
- "Corporate acquisitions involving government contractors: DOD codifies significant security clearance-related risk," *DLA Piper Government Contracts Alert* (April 17, 2014)
- "FEATURE COMMENT: Defense Industry M&A In the Wake of The BCA Passage And Sequestration - Avoiding Pitfalls In A Distressed Deal Context," 56 *The Government Contractor* 147 (April 2014)
- "FEATURE COMMENT: Creation of OCIs In Government Contractor Acquisition Negotiations, The Sequel – COFC Restores Contract To Original Awardee, Finding GAO Irrational In Overturning Agency's Award of Contract," 52 *The Government Contractor* 257 (August 2010)
- "FEATURE COMMENT: Creation of OCIs In Government Contractor Acquisition Negotiations – Can A Sufficient Mitigation Plan for OCIs Be Implemented During Confidential Deal Discussions?" 52 *The Government Contractor* 89 (March 2010)

NEWS

DLA Piper partners and firm COO named to *Law360* 2021 Editorial Advisory Boards

10 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that 11 of its lawyers, as well as firm COO Bob Bratt, have been named to *Law360's* 2021 Editorial Advisory Boards.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "DLA Piper team represents Measurement Specialties in \$1.7 billion purchase," *InsideCounsel* (October 27, 2014)