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Jon Kenworthy is an experienced M&A practitioner and Co-Chair of DLA Piper's M&A Group. Jon's M&A experience is principally advising global businesses on cross border public and private transactions with a focus on the tech, media and sports sectors.

- Corporate
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Technology
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

Jon has represented:

- GetTaxi on the \$300m investment by Volkswagen Group at a post new money valuation of \$1.2bn
- Discovery Communications, Inc. on the US\$1.8bn acquisition of SBS broadcasting from Prosiebiensat.1 Media AG
- Liberty Global and Discovery Communications on their joint investment into the Formula E racing series
- Hain Celestial, Inc. on the £200m acquisition of Premier Foods' sweet spreads and deserts brands and the \$357m acquisition of Tilda Rice
- Canadian Aerospace on the C\$314m acquisition of Oxford Aviation
- UGI corporation on the acquisition of liquefied petroleum gas distribution businesses in 10 European jurisdictions from Royal Dutch Shell and BP between 2007 and 2012
- WANdisco plc on its AIM flotation in London and subsequent fundraisings
- Swiss agrochemicals business Syngenta AG in the US\$90 million acquisition of two Zambian corn seed manufacturing businesses
- Owners and investors on the acquisition and disposal of several football and other sports clubs

## Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## Prior Experience

- 2006 to date, Partner, DLA Piper
- 2004 to 2005, Associate, DLA Piper
- 2000 to 2003, Solicitor, DLA Piper
- 1998 to 2000, Articles, DLA Piper

## Education

- University of Sheffield, LLB (1st class Hons)
- Nottingham Trent University, Diploma in Legal Practice (distinction)

## EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Between 2010 and 2016, Jon served as Vice Chair and trustee of Shelter, the Housing and Homelessness charity.

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

### Managing COVID-19 risks in corporate deals

26 March 2020

The COVID-19 global pandemic undoubtedly creates a challenging environment for corporate deals. In this note, we look at the likely impact on M&A transactions and the steps that can be taken to manage the risks arising from the pandemic.

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## Events

## Previous

### Virtual M&A Academy 2021

27 - 30 September 2021

Webinar

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### Virtual M&A Academy 2020

13 - 17 July 2020

Webinar

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## NEWS

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**DLA Piper advises Harrison Street on its joint venture with CA Ventures to acquire and develop purpose-built student accommodation in Ireland**

18 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised leading real estate investment management firm Harrison Street on its joint venture (JV) partnership with CA Ventures to develop and acquire purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) assets across Ireland.

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**DLA Piper advises The Snowdrop Project on acquisition of new Sheffield headquarters**

25 November 2020

DLA Piper has given pro bono advice to human trafficking survivor charity, The Snowdrop Project, on the acquisition of its new headquarters at 7 Castle Street in Sheffield.

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