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Rafał Kluziak has extensive experience in advising clients on transactional matters and capital markets law. He works for founders and industry and financial investors, including private equity and venture capital, on private and public mergers and acquisitions, tender offers, initial public offerings and the establishment of funds. He also provides ongoing regulatory advice on trading in financial instruments and on funds.

Before starting his career in international law firms, he worked for the Polish Financial Supervision Authority, where he was responsible for supervising investment firms. He is an alumnus of the Capital Market Leaders Academy.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Polish

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Capital Markets
- Global Investment Funds

English Polish

- Advising the founders of retail chain Arhelan, which operates over 100 shops in north-eastern Poland, on the sale of a 49% stake to Polish retailer Eurocash.
- Advising a private equity fund Polish Enterprise Fund VIII managed by Enterprise Investors on the acquisition of a majority stake in Polish software company Software Mind from Ailleron.
- Advising Mid Europa Partners, a leading private equity investor in Central and Eastern Europe, on the acquisition of a majority stake in GWD Concept (Displate) from its founders, Credo Ventures and Miton Capital.
- Advising a global leader in acquiring and collecting nonperforming loans in the acquisition of 100% shares in TFI Capital Partners from Capital Partners.
- Advising Tar Heel Capital on the sale of 100% of the shares in Tomma Diagnostyka Obrazowa to PZU Zdrowie.
- Advising Mid Europa Partners on its exit from an investment in Polskie Koleje Linowe.*

- Advising Carlyle on its attempted acquisition of a portfolio company from Enterprise Investors.*
- Advising Tar Heel Capital on exits from its two portfolio companies.*
- Advising Hitachi Capital on its attempted takeover and tender offer for shares in Prime Car Management.*
- Advising Associated British Foods on its acquisition of business enterprise of Michel Pasze.*
- Advising Maxima Grupe on the takeover, tender offer, squeeze-out and delisting of Emperia Holding.*
- Advising PCC SE i PCC Intermodal on squeeze-out and delisting of PCC Intermodal.*
- Advising founders of Solid Brain on their sale of Solid Brain to IT Kontrakt.*
- Advising Work Service on its sale of IT Kontrakt to Cornersone Partners and Oaktree Capital Management.*
- Advising PKO TFI i PKO BP on establishment of their Corporate Venture Capital fund.*

*Denotes experience from a previous firm.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Advocate (Adwokat) registered with the Warsaw Bar Association of Advocates (Okręgowa Izba Adwokacka w Warszawie)

Prior Experience

- September 2019 - present, Counsel, DLA Piper, Warsaw
- October 2010 - June 2019, Counsel, leading international law firm, Warsaw
- April 2008 - June 2009, Senior Assistant, Financial Supervision Authority, Warsaw

Recognitions

- Recommended in Commercial, Corporate and M&A – *The Legal 500 EMEA 2021*
- Recommended in Private Equity – *The Legal 500 EMEA 2021*

Education

- University of Warsaw, Degree: Master of Laws, 2010

Memberships

- Warsaw Bar Association of Advocates

NEWS

DLA Piper appoints five partners in Warsaw office

28 April 2022

Agnieszka Lehwerk of the real estate team and Bartłomiej Palusiak, who works on financial markets, infrastructure projects and restructuring, will become equity partners, while project team head Adriana Mierzwa-Bronikowska, energy practice leader Łukasz Jankowski and Rafał Kluziak of the M&A team will join as local partners.

Pięciu nowych partnerów w kancelarii DLA Piper

28 kwietnia 2022

Na stanowisko equity partnerów zostali promowani Agnieszka Lehwark z zespołu nieruchomości i Bartłomiej Palusiak z zespołu prawa rynków finansowych, projektów infrastrukturalnych i restrukturyzacji. Nominacje na partnerów lokalnych otrzymali: Adriana Mierzwa-Bronikowska, kierująca praktyką Projects (projektów), Łukasz Jankowski, szef praktyki energetycznej, oraz Rafał Kluziak z zespołu fuzji i przejęć.

DLA Piper advises the founders of the retail chain Arhelan on the sale of 49% of its shares to Poland's Eurocash

16 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised the founders of retail chain Arhelan, which operates over 100 shops in north-eastern Poland, on the sale of a 49% stake to leading Polish wholesaler Eurocash.

DLA Piper advises Enterprise Investors on acquisition of majority stake in Software Mind in Poland

9 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised a private equity fund Polish Enterprise Fund VIII managed by Enterprise Investors on the acquisition of a majority stake in Polish software company Software Mind from Ailleron.

DLA Piper doradcą Enterprise Investors przy transakcji nabycia pakietu większościowego w Software Mind

9 December 2020

Kancelaria DLA Piper doradzała funduszowi private equity Polish Enterprise Fund VIII zarządzanemu przez Enterprise Investors w związku z transakcją nabycia pakietu większościowego w Software Mind od Ailleron.

DLA Piper advises Mid Europa Partners on the acquisition of Displate

10 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised Mid Europa Partners, a leading private equity investor in Central and Eastern Europe, on the acquisition of a majority stake in GWD Concept (Displate), from its founders, Credo Ventures and Miton Capital. The transaction is expected to close in Q4 2020.
