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Richard Marks has been a business lawyer with DLA Piper for more than 20 years, assisting clients with cross-border and domestic acquisitions, divestitures, restructurings and investments. He has represented companies and investors in many different sectors, including manufacturing, technology, hospitality, education and healthcare.

Rick serves as outside counsel for public and private companies as buyers and sellers in their strategic acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures and with general operational and corporate matters. He also works with private equity, SBIC and mezzanine funds, and other institutional investors in the purchase, sale and financing of their portfolio companies.

Rick also has broad experience representing borrowers and lenders in senior secured, second lien, unitranche and mezzanine corporate loans and acquisition financings and with related intercreditor and restructuring issues.

His work on all sides of acquisition and finance transactions gives Rick the ability to bring clients deep market insight into the positions of each counterparty to a deal, helping them negotiate transactions more efficiently and effectively.

Rick is a member of DLA Piper's North American Pro Bono Committee.

- Private Equity
- Corporate
- Public Finance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Finance

- Real Estate
- Healthcare

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Recognitions

Chambers USA has repeatedly recognized Richard for his Corporate/M&A and Private Equity practice, as he is an "outstanding lawyer"

who is "viewed as a true 'stalwart' of [his] market." Clients and sources have reported that he is "a very accomplished M&A attorney who excels especially in creative structures or companies with complicated capital structures," and a "super-efficient lawyer" who "brings a lot of value to the table."

Richard was named among the Top Washington Lawyers of 2006 by the *Washington Business Journal*. He also was named to Washington *SmartCEO's* 2007 Legal Elite. In 2003, the *National Law Journal* honored him with its Pro Bono Award.

Education

- J.D., University of Maryland School of Law 1993
Order of the Coif
- B.S.E.E., Northwestern University 1989

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association

Teaching Experience

Richard is an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Nonprofit organizations may now benefit from the Main Street Lending Program: key takeaways

23 July 2020

The Federal Reserve moves to provide loans to nonprofit organizations.

Main Street Lending Program updates: Revised terms and new guidance

11 June 2020

The Federal Reserve Board has published updated, expanded and clarified guidance on the Main Street Lending Program.

Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve expands scope and eligibility for small and mid-size business loans

5 May 2020

The revised Main Street Lending Program will allow larger companies and businesses with more pre-existing debt access to loans.

Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve unveils emergency lending facilities for small and mid-size businesses up to 10,000 employees

13 April 2020

The Fed announces new steps it is taking to provide loans to assist employers of various sizes, as well as to strengthen the ability of

state and local governments to deliver critical services during the pandemic.

COVID-19's impact on portfolio company financing

3 April 2020

An overview of financing considerations for portfolio companies of PE firms to address market challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises LLR Partners in growth investment in Dizzion

5 January 2021

DLA Piper represented private equity firm LLR Partners in its growth investment in Dizzion, Inc., an industry leader in providing managed desktop as a service (DaaS) to the global remote workforce.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group in US\$128.4 million Rule 144A offering

8 July 2020

DLA Piper represented Stillfront Group in the sale of 1,558,441 shares for aggregate gross proceeds of US\$128.4 million in its Rule 144A offering in the US and concurrent offering outside the US to qualified investors.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group in acquisition of Candywriter

22 May 2020

DLA Piper represented Stillfront Group in its acquisition of Candywriter, LLC, a mobile game developer and publisher, for US\$74.4 million.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group in acquisition of Storm8

2 March 2020

DLA Piper represented Stillfront Group in its acquisition of California mobile gaming studio Storm8 for up to US\$400 million.

PRO BONO

Rick represents non-profit corporations with formation and corporate issues and with establishing and maintaining 501(c)(3) status.