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Charles Severs has extensive experience in both public and private mergers and acquisitions and equity capital market transactions. His work often includes working with large multi-nationals, leading on complex multi-jurisdictional deals.

Charles acts for both listed and private companies with a particular focus on the technology, media and telecommunication sectors.

Charles is consistently ranked highly by *Chambers* and *Legal 500*. He is currently ranked in Band 1 for Corporate M&A UK by *Chambers Europe* 2013.

- Capital Markets
  - Corporate
  - Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Private Equity
  - Intellectual Property and Technology
  - Finance
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- Technology

- Advised The Innovation Group plc on a £67 million fundraising by way of firm placing and placing and open offer of shares on the main market of the London Stock Exchange plc
- Advised Imagination Technologies Group plc on its acquisition of the operating business, certain patent properties and license rights to other patent properties of MIPS Technologies Inc, a leading NASDAQ-listed provider of computer components. (US\$60 million). We also advised on the related pre-acquisition disposal by MIPS of the majority of its patent properties to Bridge Crossing LLC. (US\$350 million)
- Cashbox placing of 6,600,000 ordinary shares in the Issuer (Keller Group plc) order to raise gross proceeds of approximately £58.7 million to partially fund a class 1 acquisition of the piling business of North American Energy Partners, Inc. for a maximum consideration of CDN\$320 million (£202.5 million)

## Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## Recognitions

- Charles Severs maintains his commanding market position thanks to his continually high-level work in multi-jurisdictional M&A. Clients say: "*He's a very experienced and high-quality lawyer. He knows the law inside and out, but can attack it from a tactical and commercial side.*" - *Chambers*, 2020
- Clients appreciate his "*flexible and pragmatic style*," revealing that he is "*good at cutting through and getting to a solution.*" - *Chambers & Partners*, 2018
- Managing director Charles Severs "*always ensures that services are delivered as promised*". - *Legal 500 UK*, 2017

## Education

- Bristol University, LL.B. (Hons)

## Memberships

- Member of the Princes Trust Technology and Leadership Group

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Vlog series: How to raise equity capital during the Coronavirus pandemic (UK)**

4 August 2020

The first half of 2020 has seen an unprecedented volume of activity by companies raising capital through follow-on equity offerings on the London Stock Exchange in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. There have been over 140 equity issues on the London Stock Exchange's main market or AIM since 20 March 2020 raising more than GBP14 billion.

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## NEWS

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#### **DLA Piper advises Learning Technologies Group on US\$394 million acquisition of GP Strategies**

21 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Learning Technologies Group on its acquisition of GP Strategies Corporation.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Hyve Group Plc on the USD145m acquisition of two US-based retail and e-commerce event firms**

20 February 2020

DLA Piper advised Hyve Group plc on the acquisition of Shoptalk and Groceryshop, two US-based market leading events focused on e-commerce for the retail, grocery and consumer packaged goods industries, for a total consideration of USD145 million on a cash free, debt free basis.

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