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Gerry Williams represents private equity and corporate buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions, securities and general corporate matters. Gerry has also counseled multiple clients in structuring entities to be certified as minority business enterprises.

- Private Equity
- Corporate

Gerry has counselled his clients in corporate matters in connection with transactions involving aggregate consideration exceeding US $7.5 billion in the last five years.

Gerry is a member of the US Executive and Policy Committees, Vice Chair of the Private Equity Group Southeast, and Managing Partner for the Atlanta office.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Among the clients he has represented in various industries are:

- An LA-based private equity fund with US$1.5 billion under management in multiple M&A and finance transactions
- A US$1.2 billion Taiwan-based public company in connection with M&A transactions and general corporate matters
- A US$1 billion revenue Florida-based public company in multiple M&A transactions in the transportation and logistics industry
- A US$1 billion publicly-traded business development company and its portfolio companies in multiple M&A and finance transactions
- A Special Purpose Acquisition Corporation in its initial business combination with a US$600 million enterprise value
- A New York-based private equity fund with US$2.6 billion under management and its portfolio companies in multiple transactions

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- A private equity fund with US$500 million under management and its portfolio companies in transactions involving consideration in excess of US$1.5 billion
- A Boston-based private equity fund with US$100 million under management and its portfolio companies in transactions in the franchising industry involving consideration in excess of $500 million
- Multiple independent sponsors in connection with multiple M&A and finance transactions
- A China-based public company in the leveraged acquisition of a consumer electronic products company with revenue of US$150 million
- A US public company in the acquisition of a staffing company based in Shanghai, China
- A private equity fund in the acquisition of a government-owned beverage company based in Beijing

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Georgia

Recognitions

Gerry has been named among Georgia's Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend* magazine and as an On the Rise Attorney by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. He has also been named a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star.

- *The Legal 500 United States*
  2019-2020 - Recommended, Private Equity Buyouts

Education

- J.D., Indiana University Maurer School of Law 1995
- B.B.A. / M.I.S., University of Georgia 1992

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Journal, Editorial Board
- Georgia SBA Network, Member, Advisory Council
- Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce: Economic Development Committee and Global Commerce Council
- National Bar Association
- National Association of Corporate Directors

Civic and Charitable

- Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, Member of the Advisory Committee

INSIGHTS

Publications

Common Ground, Uncommon Purpose

16 February 2021

The firm's forefront commitment to equality is all-encompassing.

Events

Previous

Elevating Black Excellence Regional Summit Series

27 April 2021 | 9:00 - 10:00 ET
Webinar

- Presenter, Deal Sourcing, Financing and Closing Strategies for Independent Sponsors, July 25, 2019 (Expert Webcast)

NEWS

DLA Piper announces new office and regional leadership

19 January 2022
DLA Piper is pleased to announce changes to its office leadership in Atlanta, Boston, New York, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Juan, Seattle and Short Hills, as well as a change to its regional leadership in Northern California.

DLA Piper advises Armada Acquisition Corp. in US$2 billion combination with Rezolve

5 January 2022
DLA Piper represented Armada Acquisition Corp. I in a definitive business combination agreement with Rezolve.

DLA Piper advises Athena Technology Acquisition Corp. in a US$2 billion SPAC deal with Heliogen, Inc.

8 July 2021
DLA Piper represented Athena Technology Acquisition Corp. in connection with the negotiation of a definitive agreement for a business combination with Heliogen, Inc.

DLA Piper advises Legacy Acquisition Corporation in de-SPACing in connection with its business combination with Onyx Enterprises

9 December 2020
DLA Piper represented Legacy Acquisition Corporation in a de-SPACing process in connection with its previously announced business combination with Onyx Enterprises International Corporation, the owner and operator of, among other verticals, “CARiD.com,” a leading digital commerce platform for the automotive aftermarket.