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Mitch's corporate law practice focuses on public and private mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures. He also counsels clients on joint ventures, equity investments, debt financings, licensing and distributorship arrangements, and general corporate matters.

Working primarily with the firm's Transactions & Advisory Group and The Tech Group, Mitch represents a variety of private equity sponsors, portfolio companies, and strategic buyers and sellers, including pharmaceutical companies, global chemical manufacturers, software and technology companies, and other public and private companies.

Mitch's pro bono work includes advising national and regional nonprofit organizations on state-by-state charitable registration requirements. He was the project leader on Lowenstein Sandler's **Summary Survey of State Charity Registration Requirements in All 50 States and the District of Columbia**, a comprehensive resource prepared for the Pro Bono Partnership that covers the charitable solicitation regulations that apply to 501(c)(3) and similar organizations in every state and D.C. The survey also provides pertinent guidance for entities whose online fundraising brings in money from parts of the country where they do not operate and may not be aware of their registration obligations.

EXPERIENCE

- > Represented Indorama Ventures (BKK:IVL) in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of the specialty chemicals portfolio of Huntsman Corporation USA (NYSE:HUN).
- > Represented Indorama Ventures Corpus Christi Holdings LLC (a subsidiary of Indorama Ventures Public Company Limited) in a joint venture between Indorama Ventures Corpus Christi Holdings LLC, DAK Americas, LLC (a subsidiary of the chemicals manufacturer Alpek S.A.B. de C.V. (BMV: ALFAA)), and APG Polytech USA Holdings, Inc. (a subsidiary of Far Eastern New Century Corporation (TT: 1402)), in the acquisition, through a bankruptcy auction, of a Corpus Christi, Texas-based PTA-PET plant from M&G USA Corp. (a subsidiary of M&G Chemicals), for a purchase price and capital contributions in the sum of \$1.125 billion.
- > Represented Crown Laboratories, Inc., a leading, fully integrated, specialty pharmaceutical company and portfolio company of Hildred Capital Partners, LLC, in its acquisition of the North American distribution rights of five OTC consumer brands from GlaxoSmithKline.
- > Represented Crown Laboratories, Inc., a leading, fully integrated, specialty pharmaceutical company and portfolio company of Hildred Capital Partners, LLC, in its acquisition of the North American distribution rights to Keri from GlaxoSmithKline.
- > Represented Crown Laboratories, Inc., a leading, fully integrated, specialty pharmaceutical company and portfolio company of Hildred Capital Partners, LLC, in its acquisition of Bellus Medical, a leader in medical aesthetics treatments dedicated to delivering innovative repair and restoration products to aesthetic practices around the world, which will become the new Aesthetics Division of Crown Laboratories.
- > Represented Traub Capital LLC in its acquisition of Signature Brands, LLC, a leading manufacturer and distributor of dessert decorating products under the Cake Mate, Betty Crocker, PAAS, and Pumpkin Masters brand names.
- > Represented J&D Brush, a New York-based maker of professional beauty products and portfolio company of Topspin Partners, in its acquisition by Goody, a hair accessories and styling tools manufacturer and portfolio company of ACON Investments.
- > Represented Pamplona Capital Management portfolio company, Latham Pool Products, Inc., the largest manufacturer of residential in-ground pool component and accessories in North America, in its acquisition of Narellan Pools, an Australian designer, manufacturer and installer of in-ground fiberglass swimming pools.
- > Represented General Assembly, a worldwide provider of training in high-demand areas such as coding, design, data science, business, marketing, and professional development, in its \$412.5 million acquisition by Adecco Group AG, a global human resources services company.
- > Represented Safe Banking Systems, a specialist provider of innovative Know Your Customer due diligence and anti-money laundering solutions, in its acquisition by Accuity, a leading provider of innovative solutions for payments and compliance professionals and part of RELX Group.
- > Represented Quovo, a fintech startup, in its acquisition by Plaid, another fintech startup.

HONORS & AWARDS

- > **The M&A Advisor: THE M&A ADVISOR'S 14th ANNUAL TURNAROUND AWARDS (2019)**
Chapter 11 restructuring of M&G Chemicals named winner of "Cross-Border Restructuring of the Year"
Chapter 11 reorganization of New England Motor Freight (NEMF) named winner of "Restructuring of the Year (\$25M to \$50M)"

NEWS & INSIGHTS

In the Media

- > September 23-27, 2019; December 19, 2019
Lowenstein's role representing Arotech Corporation (ARTX) in its agreement to be acquired for approximately \$80.8 million is mentioned in **The Deal, Law360 (September 23, 2019; September 27, 2019)**, the **Global Legal Chronicle**, **GlobeNewswire**, **Crain's Detroit Business**, **Yahoo Finance**, and **Nasdaq**. The Lowenstein deal team included **Steven M. Skolnick, Alan Wovsaniker, Kate Basmagian, Elisia M. Klinka, and Mitchell McDonald**. (*subscription required to access certain content*) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > August 7-9, 2019
Lowenstein Sandler's representation of Thailand's leading global chemical company, Indorama Ventures (IVL), in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Huntsman's chemicals units was featured in numerous media outlets including **The Wall Street Journal** and **The Deal**, which highlighted **Nicholas San Filippo IV's** role in the transaction and previous work with IVL since 2003. **The Nation Thailand** called the transaction "a game changing acquisition for IVL, its largest ever and one of the biggest by a Thai company in the last decade." The acquisition was also featured **Bloomberg Law – Big Law Business, The Deal, The Associated Press, the Global Legal Chronicle, Business Wire, citybizlist, Bakersfield.com, The American Lawyer, and Law360**. The Lowenstein Sandler deal team included **Nicholas San Filippo IV, Sam E. Khan, Stuart S. Yusem, Nicholas G. Mehler, Christine Osvald-Mruz, Doreen M. Edelman, Brian Silikovitz, Norman W. Spindel, Mark S. Heinzelmann, Mitchell McDonald, Megan Monson, Sami Najib, Sunita Patel, Alex H. Rosenthal, and Niral T. Shah**. The Valence Group acted as exclusive financial adviser to IVL, and KPMG provided financial due diligence support. (*subscription required to access certain content*) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > May 1; May 25, 2019
Morningstar Inc., Yahoo Finance, BioSpace, Cision PR Newswire, Chain Drug Review, and the **Global Legal Chronicle** note Lowenstein Sandler as counsel to Crown Laboratories, Inc. and Hildred Capital Partners LLC in Crown's acquisition of the North American distribution rights to Keri from GlaxoSmithKline plc (NYSE: GSK). (Lowenstein deal team: **Herschel S. Weinstein, Sam E. Khan, Mitchell McDonald, James C. Shehan, Matthew P. Hintz, Michael A. Buxbaum, Matthew Tippy, Erica Perlmutter, Jeffrey M. Shapiro, and Jack Sidorov**.) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > November 30 - December 3, 2018
Business Wire, MarketWatch, Pharmaceutical Business Review, Cosmetics Technology, ABF Journal, Cision PR Newswire, and the **Tallahoma News** note Lowenstein Sandler as counsel to Crown Laboratories, Inc. (Crown Laboratories) and Hildred Capital Partners, LLC in Crown Laboratories' acquisition of the North American distribution rights of five OTC consumer brands from GlaxoSmithKline plc (NYSE: GSK). (Lowenstein deal team: **Herschel S. Weinstein, Sam E. Khan, Mitchell McDonald, Sunita Patel, James C. Shehan, Matthew P. Hintz, Sofia Kopelevich, Michael A. Buxbaum, Nicholas Gonski, Matthew Tippy, Jeffrey M. Shapiro, and Jack Sidorov**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > October 29-December 27, 2018
Reuters, Axios, The PE Hub Network, Food Processing Technology (October 31, 2018; November 2, 2018), Global Legal Chronicle, and **just-food.com** note Lowenstein Sandler as counsel to Traub Capital LLC in its acquisition of Signature Brands from The Hero Group. (Lowenstein deal team: **Michael A. Brosse, Michael J. Mueller, Sabrina Cua, Justin Gindi, Lowell A. Citron, Theodore C. Sica, Nicholas Gonski, Michael Walutes, Nicholas G. Mehler, Matthew P. Hintz, Sofia Kopelevich, Darren Goodman, Megan Monson, Eric Jesse, James C. Shehan, Stuart S. Yusem, and Mitchell McDonald**.) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > August 3, 2018
The **Global Legal Chronicle** notes Lowenstein Sandler's representation of **Safe Banking Systems (SBS)** in its acquisition by **Accuity**. The write-up lists the Lowenstein team: **Raymond P. Thek, Alex D. Leibowitz, Pooja Patel, Mitchell McDonald, and Zarema A. Jaramillo**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > April 26, 2018
The **Global Legal Chronicle** notes Lowenstein Sandler's representation of General Assembly in an article discussing Adecco's \$412.5 million acquisition of the company. The article lists **Ed Zimmerman, Anthony O. Pergola, Eric Weiner, James E. Gregory, Brian A. Silikovitz, Lisa A. Harvey, Darren Goodman, Yvonne Elosiebo, Pooja Patel, Philip Mackson, and Mitchell McDonald** as members of the Lowenstein team.

EDUCATION

- > The George Washington University Law School (J.D. 2017), with Highest Honors; Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, *The George Washington Law Review*
- > Drew University (B.A. 2014), Political Science, Minor: Economics and History

ADMISSIONS

- > New York
- > New Jersey