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Thomas Kesler advises public and private clients in a broad range of corporate transactions, including domestic and international mergers and acquisitions; joint ventures; strategic alliances; venture capital and private equity investments; corporate restructurings; commercial transactions; and other various business transactions.

Mr. Kesler concentrates his practice on the structuring, negotiating, and executing of mergers and acquisitions and other control transactions, and has significant experience in the telecommunications, technology, and banking industries. Mr. Kesler's telecommunications practice includes the routine representation of one of the world's largest telecommunications companies in domestic and international mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. He also frequently advises clients on issues relating to non-transactional matters, including general corporate matters, governance, and legal compliance.

Mr. Kesler was recommended in 2018 and 2019 by *Legal 500 US* for Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions.

Experience

Provided corporate, licensing, contracting and intellectual property advice to ToolBank USA, resulting in the opening of its first affiliate in Charlotte, NC.

Represented regional bank in its formation of a bank holding company and related transactions.

Represented a distributor of power, hand and cutting tools in various aspects of securities compliance and SEC



reporting matters.

Represented a U.S. building products company in commercial contract negotiations and various licensing issues.

The firm served as lead counsel representing AT&T Inc. in the \$235 million sale of a line of business owned and operated by subsidiary L.M. Berry and Company, which provides sales, marketing, publishing and other services to more than 80 publishers of Yellow Pages directories, to a portfolio company of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe.

Represented a global telecommunications company in its multibillion dollar acquisition of wireless spectrum from a Northern telecommunications company.

Represented United Community Banks, Inc. in its bulk sale of \$266 million in classified substandard and non-performing loans.

Represented AT&T in connection with an exchange transaction with Verizon Wireless in which Verizon transferred cellular licenses, network facilities, subscribers, and other assets in Vermont, New York and Washington to AT&T in exchange for similar assets in Kentucky, cash and other consideration.

Education

University of Florida College of Law, J.D.

cum laude

University of Florida, B.S.B.A., Finance

Admissions

Georgia

Professional & Community Activities

Atlanta Community ToolBank, Board of Directors

Journal of Law and Public Policy, Former Member

Insights

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AT&T Completes Acquisition of AlienVault

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Kilpatrick Townsend Receives Top Rankings from 2018 Legal 500 US

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report April 22-28, 2016

April 29, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend Elects New Partners in Atlanta

January 6, 2016