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Robert E. Benson, Jr. represents clients in significant corporate transactions, including domestic and cross-border M&A transactions, spin-offs, divestitures, joint ventures, special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) transactions, complex commercial agreements and strategic investments. As a Partner in King & Spalding's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity practices, Robert advises public and private companies, private equity funds, boards of directors and special committees in a variety of M&A, corporate governance and general corporate and securities matters.

Robert has extensive deal experience across many industry sectors, including significant depth in consumer products, media, tech, fin-tech and life science industries. Robert has served as counsel to leading companies, including The Coca-Cola Company, Oxford Industries, Molson Coors, Pentair Inc., MasterCraft Boat Company, Roark Capital Group, Roper Technologies, SunTrust Banks, White Mountains Insurance Group, and Bass Pro, Inc., in a broad variety of merger and acquisition transactions and in a variety of general corporate and securities matters. Robert has also represented distressed corporate entities in restructuring transactions and has advised municipalities with respect to Chapter 9 bankruptcies.

Robert was recognized as a New York Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2016 and 2015 and a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2018.

Matters

Represented NextDecade (NASDAQ: NEXT), an LNG development company, in its \$1.2 billion merger with Harmony Merger Corp., a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC).

Represented Energizer in its \$2 billion acquisition of Spectrum Brands' global battery and lighting unit.

Represented Iconex LLC in its acquisition of the long-run label and receipt paper businesses of Cenvo Worldwide Limited.

Represented MCBC Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: MCFT) in its acquisition of Crest Marine, LLC for approximately \$80 million.

Represented Labcyte, Inc. in its sale to Beckman Coulter, Inc., a subsidiary of Danaher Corporation.

Represented PTT Exploration and Production Company Limited in its acquisition of a minority stake in APICO LLC.

Represented a steering committee of lenders in the out-of-court restructuring of Indra Holdings Corp. (d/b/a Totes Isotoner).

Represented Barings Finance LLC and prepetition lenders in connection with Hollander Sleep Products, LLC and its affiliates' Chapter 11 restructuring.

Represented a steering committee of first-lien lenders in connection with Joerns WoundCo Holdings, Inc. and its affiliates' prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring.

Represented Claret Medical in its sale to Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) for up to \$270 million.

Represented Apama Medical in its sale to Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) for up to \$300 million.

Represented MCBC Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: MCFT) in its acquisition of Nautic Star, LLC, for approximately \$80 million.

Represented The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE: KO) in a series of transactions involving the restructuring of The Coca-Cola Company's U.S. bottling system, including transfers of territories, distribution agreements and manufacturing arrangements.

Represented HD Supply, Inc. (NASDAQ: HDS) in the \$2.5 billion sale of its Waterworks division to private equity fund Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, LLC.

Represented NextDecade (NASDAQ: NEXT), an LNG development company, in its \$1.2 billion merger with Harmony Merger Corp., a special purpose acquisition company.

Represented Oxford Industries, Inc. (NYSE: OXM), in its acquisition of Southern Tide LLC for approximately \$85 million.

Represented C2 Therapeutics in its sale to Hoya Corporation.

Represented Vector Laboratories in its sale to private equity firm GTCR.

Represented Roark Capital Group. in various acquisitions.

Represented Roper Technologies, Inc. in various acquisitions.

Represented Bass Pro Group in various acquisitions.

Represented Pentair, Inc. in a merger with Tyco International Ltd.'s Flow Control business for approximately \$10 billion.

Represented White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. in sale of Esurance and Answer Financial Inc. to The Allstate Corporation for approximately \$1 billion.

Negotiated master agreements for derivatives trading, including ISDA and repo master agreements, on behalf of Credit Suisse S.A and its affiliates.

Represented Credit Suisse AG for \$250 million secured financing for the acquisition of a company

in the garment industry.

Represented Credit Suisse AG in out-of-court restructuring of a distressed borrower in the publishing industry.

Represented JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Administrative Agent in an out-of-court restructuring of a distressed borrower in home improvement industry.

Represented Time Inc. and Time Warner Retail Sales & Marketing, Inc. in pursuit of approximately \$80 million in unsecured claims in the Chapter 11 case for Anderson News, LLC.

Represented New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation in its Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

Advised the City Council of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on potential financial restructuring options.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D./M.B.A., Harvard University

B.S., Washington and Lee University

ADMISSIONS

Georgia

New York

Recognition

Georgia Super Lawyer "Rising Star" 2018
SUPER LAWYERS

New York Super Lawyer "Rising Star"
2015 AND 2016

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

March 19, 2020

Commercial Agreement Tips for the COVID-19 Era

June 6, 2018

President Signs Bipartisan Law Revising Dodd-Frank and Providing Regulatory Relief to U.S. Financial Institutions

Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

April 9, 2020

Robert Benson to Speak on Preserving and Creating Business Value During the COVID-19 Crisis Webinar

April 7, 2020

Robert Benson to Speak on Atlanta Business League's COVID-19 Issues & Opportunities Webinar

WEBINAR

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News

CASES & DEALS

Totes Completes Out of Court Restructuring

IN THE NEWS

November 7, 2019 • Source: The Wall Street Journal

K&S advises a group of lenders in a restructuring deal with Totes Isotoner that will allow the lenders to take control of the company

PRESS RELEASE

December 5, 2019

King & Spalding Elects 21 New Partners and Promotes Four Counsel Across Eight Offices

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