

## John B. Beckman

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### Biography

John Beckman helps his clients navigate the ever-changing public company landscape. He focuses on SEC disclosure, stock exchange listing requirements, financial and accounting issues, proxy solicitations, insider trading, state corporate law issues, transactions, and corporate governance. John frequently represents companies in connection with shareholder interactions, including hostile situations such as proxy contests.

As co-leader of the firm's Public Company Advisory practice and a member of the firm's Capital Markets and Securities leadership team, John's focus is on representing public companies and their boards on strategic matters. He helps clients in a broad range of complex corporate transactions, such as mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, dividends and distributions, tender offers, exchange offers, and recapitalizations.

John serves as regular outside corporate governance and securities counsel to numerous NYSE and NASDAQ listed companies. In addition, John is regularly engaged as special securities counsel by other law firms, companies, and boards to advise on special situations. He represents companies in an array of industries, including aerospace, defense and government services, industrial, financial services, consumer products, and



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### Practices

Capital Markets

Corporate Governance

Corporate

Crisis Leadership Team

Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities and Public Company  
Advisory

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### Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

hotels.

## Representative experience

Papa John's International and its independent directors in a feud with its founder and US\$250m investment by Starboard Value LP, named The Deal's Activist Campaign of the Year.

Represented Orbital ATK, Inc. (NYSE: OA), a leading aerospace and defense company, in its US\$9.2bn sale to Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC).

Represented Brown-Forman (NYSE: BFA, BFB), one of the largest American-owned spirits and wine companies, in corporate governance matters and its recent notes offering.

Represented Orbital Sciences Corporation (NYSE: ORB) in connection with its US\$5bn "merger of equals" transaction with Alliant Techsystems, Inc.

Represented Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. (NYSE: RS) in connection with its reincorporation from California to Delaware.

Represented McCormick & Co. (NYSE: MKC), a global leader in flavor and spices, in its debt offerings.

Represented Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE: CHH) in connection with its debt offerings and special dividend transaction.

Represented Osiris Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: OSIR) in a multi-year financial restatement and its sale by tender offer to Smith & Nephew, plc.

## Awards and rankings

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2017-2019
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Corporate Governance, *Legal 500 US*, 2016-2019
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Shareholder

Financial Institutions

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## Areas of focus

Raising Equity Capital

Securities and Financial Regulatory Advice

Stock Exchange Listings and Regulatory Compliance

Initial Public Offerings

Raising Debt Capital

High Yield

Convertible Debt Offerings

Section 16 Advice

Proxy Solicitations, Shareholder Meetings, and Shareholder Proposals

Disclosure and Reporting Obligations

Accounting and Auditing

Capital Markets and Tax

Compensation Committee

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Shareholder Activism

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Activism: Advice to Boards, *Legal 500 US*, 2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC staff issues important guidance on shareholder proposals for the 2020 proxy season *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC staff announces changes to processing of shareholder proposal no-action requests *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC proposes to amend requirements for disclosure on business, legal proceedings and risk factors
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells represents DLH in \$70 million Social & Scientific Systems acquisition
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC adopts rule amendments under the FAST Act to modernize and simplify disclosure *SEC Update*
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Osiris in US\$660 million acquisition by Smith & Nephew

J.D., University of Baltimore School of Law, magna cum laude, 1997

B.S., Towson University, 1994

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## Memberships

Member, Business Law Section,  
American Bar Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

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