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Biography

Ashlee Sawyer Gilson advises clients on both buy-side and sell-side deals, stock and asset transactions, and private equity portfolio transactions. In addition to her role on deal teams, Ashlee frequently assists clients with corporate governance matters.

Ashlee counsels clients worldwide in a diverse range of industries with a focus on identifying business-oriented solutions for her clients. Her undergraduate degree in economics provides a framework for considering efficient solutions to complex transactional issues. Beginning with her experience as a summer associate at the firm, Ashlee has continued to develop expansive knowledge in the industries of aerospace and defense; government; technology, media, and telecommunications; manufacturing; and real estate, which allows her to craft creative approaches to the legal issues her clients face.

Ashlee leverages her experience clerking for the Honorable Myron T. Steele of the Delaware Supreme Court and serving as a judicial intern for the Honorable Kevin R. Huennekens of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to add valuable insight regarding how a court might view today's deal in the future. While in law school at the University of Virginia, Ashlee served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Virginia Tax Review* and as a member of the Editorial



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Practices

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Private Equity

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

Technology & Telecoms

Board of the *Virginia Law Review*, honing her drafting and organizational skills, which she now uses to manage deal teams of subject-matter and country-specific professionals in complex cross-border transactions.

Ashlee maintains an active pro bono practice and regularly advises her pro bono clients on corporate governance matters. Ashlee is a member of the Northern Virginia recruiting and summer associate committees and enjoys mentoring junior associates as they develop through their time at the firm.

Representative experience

Advised KBR, Inc., on its US\$800m acquisition of Centauri, LLC, a provider of high-end space, directed energy, and other advanced technologies, from Arlington Capital Partners.

Advised HC2 Holdings, Inc. on the US\$250m sale of Global Marine Group, an offshore engineering services provider of which HC2 indirectly owned approx. 73%, to J.F. Lehman & Co.

Advised Ford Motor Company on Volkswagen AG's US\$2.6bn investment into Ford's autonomous vehicle platform company, Argo AI.

Advised DLH Holdings, a health care services contractor, on its US\$70m acquisition of Social & Scientific Systems, a public health research organization.

Advised KBR, Inc., a global technology, engineering, procurement, and construction company, in its US\$600m acquisition of Wyle Inc., a specialized government services provider.

Acquisition by KBR, Inc. of Honeywell Technology Solutions Inc., a professional, technical, and mission support service provider to U.S. government agencies, from Honeywell International Inc.

Advised 21st Century Fox in the formation of National

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, Order of the Coif, 2012

B.A., The University of Chicago, Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List, 2008

Memberships

Member, Business Law Section, American Bar Association

Member, Fairfax Bar Association

Member, Virginia Bar Association

Member, Virginia State Bar

Bar admissions and qualifications

Virginia

District of Columbia

Court admissions

Supreme Court of Virginia

Geographic Partners, a joint venture between Fox and The National Geographic Society.

Advised MAXIMUS (NYSE: MMS) in its US\$300m purchase of Acentia, a technology and management solution-provider to government and health agencies.

Advised Affinia Group in the separate sales of its global chassis and filtration businesses for total enterprise value of approximately US\$1.5bn.

Advised broadcasters, including Fox Television Stations and Home Shopping Network, in television station acquisitions and dispositions.

Advised a senior housing company and its affiliates in financing and loan modification transactions and the disposition of its U.S. portfolio.

Advised a private equity portfolio company in general corporate matters and a strategic acquisition of a housewares manufacturer.

Advised a power generation company in the sale of its interests in a hydroelectric facility.

Advised a private equity fund in connection with the acquisition of a manufacturer and marketer of outdoor products and housewares.

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- Hogan Lovells advises KBR in an agreement to acquire Centauri from Arlington Capital Partners

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- Hogan Lovells advises Greystar Real Estate Partners in the acquisition of Alliance Residential Company

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- How COVID-19 is impacting ADG M&A *ADG*

Insights

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 - Hogan Lovells team advises Global Marine Group in sale to J.F. Lehman & Company for US\$250 million
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells represents DLH in \$70 million Social & Scientific Systems acquisition