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Biography

Issuers and underwriters rely on Richard Aftanas as a trusted advisor for strategic legal advice in a wide variety of public and private finance transactions, including initial public offerings and other public and private equity securities offerings, as well as high yield and investment grade debt offerings.

Richard also advises U.S. and international clients with respect to corporate and securities law matters, as well as spin-offs, debt tender offers, exchange offers, and other refinancing transactions. In addition, he regularly advises publicly traded corporations and their executive officers and directors on corporate governance, SEC compliance, and disclosure matters.

Richard has been recognized as a leading capital markets lawyer by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers Global*, *The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, *IFLR1000*, and *The Legal 500 United States*. He was among the winners of the 2013 International Law Office Client Choice Awards, which recognize individual partners who excel across the full spectrum of client service. In addition, he was named a "Client Service All-Star" by the *BTI Consulting Group* in its 2015 Client Service All-Stars report.

Representative experience

Acadia Healthcare Company Inc. in its private placement of US\$475m senior notes.



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Practices

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Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

Private Capital

Financial Institutions

Diversified Industrials

Education and admissions

Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. in a comprehensive refinancing and recapitalization transaction, as well as an offering of US\$550m of new second-lien notes.*

Ancor Ltd. in its US\$6.8bn acquisition of Bemis Co.*

Staples, Inc. on its US\$2bn secured high yield notes offering and US\$1bn unsecured high yield notes offering as part of a dividend recapitalization transaction.*

Huntsman International LLC in a US\$750m offering of senior notes.*

Windstream Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries, in liability management transactions, litigation related to alleged indenture covenant breaches, and their Chapter 11 cases.*

KKR in connection with its US\$75m investment in Cross River Bank.*

Tronox Limited in connection with its redomestication from Australia to the United Kingdom and a US\$600m senior notes offering.*

Marriott Vacations Worldwide in an aggregate of US\$1.6bn high yield offerings and a US\$350m exchange offer in connection with its acquisition of ILG, Inc.*

Sycamore Partners in a US\$1bn high yield offering to finance the acquisition of Staples, Inc.*

Swift Transportation in its US\$6bn stock-for-stock merger with Knight Transportation.*

Huntsman Corporation in its proposed US\$20bn merger of equals with Clariant Ltd.*

Micro Focus International plc in its US\$8.8bn "Reverse Morris Trust" acquisition of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company's software business.*

TPG in a US\$150m PIPE investment in Superior Industries International Inc. in connection with its acquisition of UNIWHEELS AG.*

Accenture in connection with the IPO of Duck Creek Technologies.*

Education

LL.B., McGill University Faculty of Law, 1994

B.A., University of Manitoba, 1991

Bar admissions and qualifications

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The underwriters in numerous debt and equity offerings by AES Corporation.*

Moelis & Company in its IPO, which valued the company at approximately US\$1.36bn.*

Acorda Therapeutics in its US\$363m acquisition of Finnish company Biotie Therapies.*

Exelon Corp. in its notes offerings with total proceeds aggregating US\$4.2bn.*

Cerberus Capital Management in a US\$435m PIPE investment in Avon.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2020-2021
- Finance: Capital Markets: Equity Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2020-2021
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Corporate Governance, *Legal 500 US*, 2021
- Finance: Capital Markets: High-Yield, *Legal 500 US*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - SEC staff issues new guidance on shareholder proposals involving social policy issues
- News
 - SEC staff issues sample comments regarding climate change disclosure
- News
 - SEC approves Nasdaq's board diversity rules
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Flipkart in funding to accelerate the growth of the consumer internet ecosystem in India
- Press Releases
 - Triple Play – Hogan Lovells advises NASDAQ listed

voxeljet AG on third capital increase in one year

- Webinar

- Introduction to U.S. SPACs