



# Conrad Z. Zhong

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**Represents private equity sponsors and public companies in complex and sophisticated M&A transactions. Counsels shareholders and boards of directors on a broad array of activism matters.**

Conrad advises clients across a wide spectrum of transactions, including domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, asset sales, tender offers, portfolio company add-ons, take-privates, co-investments, growth investments, and other strategic business transactions.

He also represents activists and companies in matters ranging from corporate governance to proxy contests, settlement negotiations, and defensive strategies. In relation to activism, he has worked with prominent brands such as Avis Budget Group and Wynn Resorts.

Conrad has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America – Ones to Watch, Corporate Law (2024).

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## Practices

**MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS**

**PRIVATE EQUITY**

**SHAREHOLDER ACTIVISM**

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## Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

New York

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## Education

Harvard Law School, JD

▪ *cum laude*

College of William & Mary, BBA

▪ *summa cum laude*

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# Representations

## **Private Equity Transactions**

- ABRY Partners in multiple investments
- Advent International in its sale of Fort Dearborn to funds managed by Clayton Dubilier & Rice and merger with Multi-Color Corporation
- BC Partners in its acquisition of a majority stake in GardaWorld
- Cambridge Franchise Holdings, LLC in its sale of more than 200 Burger King and Popeyes restaurants to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
- Cerberus Capital Management, L.P. in its entry into a definitive agreement to acquire a majority interest in Dorel Industries, Inc.
- Gemspring Capital in its acquisition of Transport Investments
- Macquarie GIG Renewable Energy Fund 2 in its acquisition of a 50% interest in a portfolio of residential solar assets, and associated joint venture arrangement
- Nexus Capital Management LP in its acquisition of Natural Balance Pet Food, Inc.
- Staples in its acquisition of Essendant for \$996 million
- TZP Group in its acquisition of Christy Sports from its founder and Norwest Equity Partners

## **Public Companies M&A**

- Danaher Corporation (NYSE: DHR) in its \$825 million divestment of selected life science businesses to Sartorius AG, a leading international partner of life science research and the biopharmaceutical industry
- Fortive Corporation (NYSE: FTV) in its \$2 billion acquisition of Accruent
- Ginkgo Bioworks (NYSE: DNA), the leading horizontal platform for cell programming, in its acquisition of StrideBio's adeno-associated

virus capsid discovery and engineering platform assets

- Sonic Financial Corporation in its take-private acquisition of Speedway Motorsports, Inc.
- Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Spectrum Brands (NYSE: SPB) in its \$10 billion merger with HRG Group
- Spectrum Brands (NYSE: SPB) in its \$2 billion carve-out sale of its global consumer battery business to Energizer

### **Activism**

- Avis Budget Group in its proxy contest defense against SRS Investment Management and implementation of stockholder rights plan
- Wynn Resorts in its agreement with Elaine Wynn regarding the composition of the Wynn Resorts board of directors
- Wynn Resorts in its response to the attempted director nomination proxy contest and subsequent “withhold-the-vote” campaign by Elaine Wynn

*\* Conrad advised on certain of these matters before joining Schulte.*

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## **Publications**

- A New Way to Fund the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 18 U.C. Davis Bus. L. J. 1 (2017).

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## **Memberships**

- American Bar Association

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## **Distinctions**

- The Best Lawyers in America – Ones to Watch, Corporate Law

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## Prior Experience

- Foley Hoag LLP
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP