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Eric structures and negotiates private equity M&A and cross-border transactions for mid-market sponsors and private companies, turning complex deal dynamics into closed transactions.

Eric's practice is built around the full arc of a private equity deal — from initial investment through exit — advising funds, financial sponsors, and their portfolio companies on the transactions and corporate matters that define their growth. His clients include mid-market private equity sponsors, international private companies, and management teams navigating acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, growth equity investments, and financing arrangements across the United States, the United Kingdom and continental Europe.

Eric's transactional work spans domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, with particular depth in sponsor-backed deals where ownership transitions, management relationships, and capital structure all intersect. He regularly advises portfolio companies through multiple stages of their lifecycle — not just at entry and exit, but on the strategic and operational matters that arise in between. That continuity gives clients a counsel who understands the history of a business, not just the transaction at hand.

He also brings meaningful experience to corporate matters arising in financial restructuring and reorganization contexts, including investments in distressed situations. This includes advising on the M&A dimensions of restructurings and representing investors pursuing opportunities in distressed assets and turnaround scenarios.

On the international side, Eric advises on private equity and venture capital investments across the U.K. and continental Europe, and has guided clients through transactions involving China, including inbound and outbound foreign direct investment. His work in these markets reflects an understanding of the structural and negotiating differences that cross-border deals introduce — from fund terms to acquisition documentation to

Education

- Columbia Law School (LL.M., 2001)
 - Editor, *Columbia Business Law Review*
- Cambridge University (B.A. in Law (LL.B.), 2000)
 - Honours
 - (M.A.), Board Member, Faculty of Law
- University College Dublin (M.A., 1997)
 - Honours
- Muhlenberg College (B.A., 1994)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York

regulatory considerations.

Eric served on Dorsey's Policy Committee (Board of Directors) from 2019 – 2025, and as Chair from 2023 – 2025, serving for the maximum term permitted in each role. For his role as Chair, Eric was recognized as a "Distinguished Leader" by the New York Law Journal in 2025.

Select Experience

Private Equity — Exits & Sales

- Advised KUIU in connection with its sale to a conservation-minded investor group, preserving the brand as a privately held, independently operated direct-to-consumer hunting apparel and gear company.
- Advised Hygiena, LLC, a portfolio company of Warburg Pincus, in connection with the sale of the company to EW Group.
- Advised management of MetaMetrics in connection with the sale by Pamlico Capital to Apax Digital Fund.
- Advised management of Vivona Brands Ltd. in connection with the sale by Inflexion Private Equity Partners to Webster Equity Partners.

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board Member, Camp Fire Conservation Fund

Professional Affiliations

- Chair, International Private Equity and Alternative Investments Committee, ABA Section of International Law, 2014-2016
- Vice-Chair, International Private Equity and Alternative Investments Committee, ABA Section of International Law, 2012 - 2014

Accolades

- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*®, 2017-2026
- *New York Law Journal*, "Distinguished Leader," 2025
- Law.com, New York Legal Awards, 2025
- *Legal 500*, United States, 2019
- Acquisition International M&A Advisor Awards, "Best Mid-Market Private Equity Practice Group - USA & Best Sporting Goods Transaction: Wilson/H&B," 2016

Select Presentations

- PLI, Panelist, *Doing Deals in a Global Economy: Navigating Obstacles and Insurance Challenges in Cross-Border M&A Transactions* (March 2021)
- Dorsey Private Funds Symposium, Chair/Moderator & Panelist, *Cross Border Fund Issues: Market Comparison of Significant Deal Terms* (2019)
- Host & Moderator, *Investing in Brand Value* (June 2017)
- Moderator, *What Are the Issues After a Portfolio Company Changes Hands?*, Capital Roundtable PE Operating Partner and Portfolio Company Conference (May 2017)
- *Outbound China Foreign Direct Investment into the U.S. and its Impact on the M&A*

Market, Presentation to Hi-Finance Delegation (Chinese financial investor professionals) (May 2017)

- Chair & Moderator, *Innovation Clusters*, ABA Section of International Law, Spring Meeting, Washington D.C. (April 2017)
 - Moderator, *Human Capital Integration During M&A*, Capital Roundtable PE Operating Partners and Portfolio Company Conference (May 2016)
 - Presentation to PICC Property & Casualty Limited (China's largest and the world's 3rd largest insurer): *The US Private Equity Fundraising Market* (April 2016)
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Insights

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D&O Insurance and the Two Words to Fear: Capacity Exclusion