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Mark Churchman structures and negotiates cross-border M&A and private equity transactions for sponsors and corporates across the U.K., Europe, and the U.S., so clients can move confidently through every stage of the deal lifecycle.

From first investment to eventual exit, Mark brings a full-lifecycle perspective to his clients' transactions. Mark advises private equity sponsors, portfolio companies, and corporate clients on U.K. and cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M&A), private equity transactions, joint ventures, and shareholders' arrangements. His work spans sectors including technology, financial services, energy, and infrastructure, with particular depth in deals that connect the U.K. to European and U.S. markets.

For private equity clients, Mark's involvement does not begin and end at signing. He counsels sponsors from initial investment through the portfolio holding period and on to divestiture, advising portfolio companies on acquisitions, disposals, and governance matters along the way. This continuity means clients benefit from counsel who understands not just the transaction at hand, but the broader strategic context in which it sits.

On the corporate side, Mark advises on transactions across all stages of company development, from growth-stage deals to large-scale strategic combinations. His cross-border experience allows him to navigate the interplay between English law and the legal frameworks of other jurisdictions, providing clients with coordinated advice on complex, multi-jurisdictional transactions.

Mark is recognized by Legal 500 as a Recommended Lawyer in M&A (smaller deals, £10m–£100m) and TMT, and has been named a Distinguished Advisor in the Financier Worldwide Power Players: Private Equity list.

Education

- Guildford College of Law (LL.B. & L.P.C., Corporate Law, 2008)
- Guildford College of Law (G.D.L., Law, 2007)
- University of York, England (B.A., History, 2005)

Bar Admissions

- England & Wales

Select Experience

- Represented Sazerac Company, Inc. on its acquisition of Au Vodka, a UK-based vodka and ready-to-drink (RTD) brand, for an undisclosed sum.
- Represented shareholders of a financial advisory firm in the sale of the company to a global investment bank.*
- Represented a private equity firm on the English law aspects of its acquisition of a portfolio company and in strategic acquisitions by its portfolio companies.*
- Represented a portfolio company in the technology sector on the English law aspects of an acquisition and a subsequent divestiture.*

Accolades

- *Legal 500*, “Recommended Lawyer,” M&A: Smaller deals, £10m-£100m & TMT, 2026
- *Financier Worldwide*, Power Players: Private Equity “Distinguished Advisor,” 2025

Legal Writings

- Author, *View from 30,000 Feet*, Lexology (2025)