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Andrew draws on his years of in-house legal experience in regulated industries to guide clients through high-stakes corporate transactions.

Andrew is a partner in Dorsey's Corporate Group, advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, strategic transactions, corporate governance, and complex regulatory matters. He brings more than 20 years of experience, including over a decade in senior in-house leadership roles in the highly regulated gaming and franchising industries, where he served as a key legal and strategic advisor to public company boards and executive teams.

Andrew most recently served as Chief Legal Officer of a NYSE-listed franchising company, and previously held senior legal executive roles at major public and high-growth companies, including serving as Chief Legal Officer of a leading sports betting and online gaming technology company and Chief Corporate Counsel of a leading publicly traded gaming and hospitality company. Across these roles, he led or advised on multibillion-dollar transactions, complex joint ventures, public company governance, IPOs and spin-offs, and enterprise-critical regulatory matters. His experience operating at scale in regulated industries gives him a practical, business-focused perspective on risk allocation, deal execution, and stakeholder alignment. He has also defended companies in government investigations and major litigation matters, including class and mass actions, and coordinated board special committee matters.

Clients rely on Andrew for his ability to combine technical legal judgment with commercial pragmatism. Having sat in the Chief Legal Officer and boardroom seat, he understands how companies evaluate legal advice in real time and helps clients navigate high-stakes decisions with clarity, speed, and confidence.

Select Experience

Andrew's experience includes advising on a wide range of complex transactions,

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2005)
- University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business (B.S., Business Administration, 2002)

Bar Admissions

- California

financings, and governance matters, including:

Mergers & Acquisitions / Strategic Transactions

- Executed strategic M&A transactions at a publicly traded franchising platform and a publicly traded gaming and hospitality company.
- Advised on numerous joint ventures and complex strategic transactions across gaming, hospitality, and technology sectors.
- Negotiated joint venture to create a leading U.S. digital gaming and sports betting platform.
- Negotiated joint venture with sovereign wealth fund for development of branded hotels.

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board Member, Orange County American Cancer Society, 2023-2025