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Jon is an experienced, business-focused M&A lawyer. He provides practical, actionable strategic advice to boards of directors and executives involved in M&A transactions.

Jon is co-chair of Dorsey's global Mergers and Acquisitions practice group. Jon represents purchasers and sellers in mergers and acquisition transactions, including negotiated business combinations and contested acquisition transactions. Jon's experience in this area includes advising boards of directors and special committees. Recent engagements include advising Novanta in its acquisition of Motion Solutions and Carlisle Companies in several carve-out transactions as part of its pivot to a pure-play construction materials company. Resident in Dorsey's Toronto office from 2002 through 2004, Jon advises clients on U.S. law aspects of U.S.-Canada mergers and acquisitions transactions. Jon also advises public and private companies on general corporate matters. Jon is a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee of the ABA's Business Law Section and is a contributor to the committee's thought leadership projects, including the widely consulted deal points studies. Jon's interests outside of the office include watching his sons play high school sports, cross-country skiing, preparing smoked meats, and curling.

Select Experience

- Representing a **private-equity consortium** as local Minnesota counsel in its proposed \$6.2 billion acquisition of ALLETE, Inc., a publicly traded energy company.
- Represented **Carlisle Companies Incorporated**, publicly traded manufacturer of building envelope products, in multiple transactions including:
- The acquisition of MTL Holdings from a fund affiliated with GreyLion Partners for \$410 million
- The sale of Carlisle's liquid finishing business to a fund affiliated with Lone Star Funds for \$520 million

Professional Affiliations

Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1999)
 - *cum laude*
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.B.A. with Honors, Finance and Political Science, 1992)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section – Member of the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee
- Minnesota Bar Association, Business Law Section - Member of Chapter 302A Subcommittee

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board of Directors, [The Loppet Foundation](#), 2015 – present

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, 2023-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024-2026
- Thomson Reuters, "Stand-Out Lawyer", 2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2012, 2015-2022, 2024
- *Legal 500*, Recommended Lawyer, 2019
- *Chambers USA*, Up and Coming, Corporate/M&A, 2015-2016
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars", 2008

Select Presentations

- "2016 Business Law Institute – What Every Deal Lawyer Should Know About Representation and Warranty Insurance in M&A," May 2016
- "2015 Corporate Counsel Symposium – The Ties That Bind: M&A Challenges for Buyers of Family-Held or Founder-Owned Businesses," October 2015
- "Turnaround Management Association/Minnesota – Transactional Risk Products: Orchestrating a Good Outcome in the Face of Adversity," October 2015
- "[The Basics of Representation and Warranty Insurance - Tools for Closing the M&A Transaction](#)," May 2015
- "2014 Business Law Institute – Delaware and Doing Deals," May 2014
- "2012 Corporate Counsel Symposium – M&A Under the Microscope: Getting the Deal Done in Uncertain Times," October 2012
- "2008 In-House Counsel Crash Course," March 2008
- "Tender Offers Are Back," February 2008

Insights

July 30, 2025

Minnesota to Permit Ratification and Validation of Defective Corporate Acts

November 3, 2020

2020 Election Protection

September 14, 2020

Dorsey lawyers gear up for vote

November 5, 2018

Dorsey Partner Jonathan Van Horn Talks About Election Protection

June 21, 2018

2018 Amendments to the Minnesota Business Corporation Act