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As a trusted advisor with nearly 40 years of experience, Nolan helps companies achieve their business objectives by leading them through successful Mergers & Acquisitions, equity and debt capital raising transactions, and corporate governance matters.

Nolan's extensive experience as a mergers & acquisitions and capital markets partner includes representing:

- Private and public companies in domestic and cross border M&A transactions, including stock and asset deals, mergers, carve-outs, spin offs, spin outs, auction bids, auction sales, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, de-SPAC mergers, reorganizations, recapitalizations, distressed sales, Section 363 sales, leveraged dividends, and joint ventures;
- Private equity funds, venture capital funds, and family offices in formation, buyout, control investment, minority investment, and financing transactions;
- Underwriters and issuers in IPOs and registered follow-on and secondary offerings, and exempt and hybrid securities offerings, including PIPEs, ATMs, CMPOs, bought deals, and registered direct offerings, as well as representing co-managing underwriters or initial purchasers in investment grade and high yield debt offerings and 144A offerings; and
- Public companies in securities law compliance, M&A, NYSE, NASDAQ, and FINRA compliance, and corporate governance matters.

Nolan's clients include private and public companies, boards of directors, special committees, private equity and venture capital funds, family offices, investment banks, and financial institutions.

According to Chambers and Partners, a prestigious legal industry ranking service, Nolan received the highest ranking for a corporate lawyer (Band 1) annually from 2003-2010, leave of absence for volunteer service 2010-2013, 2014-2023. Regarding Nolan's capabilities, Chambers quotes sources as saying:

Education

- University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law (J.D.)
- Brigham Young University (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Utah

- “Nolan is the best M&A attorney I have ever worked with - his judgment, experience and client management place him in a class of his own.”
- “He is the best attorney I’ve worked with because of his good business judgment, his ability to think through novel structures for solutions to problems and the fact that he is always calm in stressful situations.”
- “Nolan is uniquely talented to solve complex issues, handle difficulties and provide critical thinking to structure great outcomes for his clients.”
- “He is a premier attorney for securities, transactions and business matters, with solid business understanding. He is a problem solver who has excellent interpersonal skills.”
- Clients hail his “good practical advice.”
- “He has great experience, knowledge, and judgment.”
- “Nolan is a trusted advisor.”
- “He is the cream of the crop.”

Select Experience

Selected Merger and Acquisition Transactions:

- Represented Quten Research Institute, LLC in connection with its acquisition by Sanofi, S.A.
- Represented Vidler Water Resources, Inc. in connection with a tender offer and merger with D.R. Horton, Inc.
- Represented Purple Innovation, Inc. in connection with its acquisition of Advanced Comfort Systems, Inc.
- Represented Red Crow Capital, LLC in connection with the de-SPAC merger of Social Finance, Inc. and Social Capital Hedosophia valued at \$8.6 billion

Professional Affiliations

- Utah State Bar Association
- Member of the American Society of Governance Professionals, Public Company Affairs Committee 2005-2006
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, Securities Regulation (Fall 2003 and Winter 2007)

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, Utah, 2003-2010, 2014-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Corporate Law, 2006-2026
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2007-2026
 - Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2016-2026
 - Venture Capital Law, 2007-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Venture Capital Law, Salt Lake City, 2025-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Salt Lake City, 2020-2021
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Corporate Law, Salt Lake City, 2019, 2024, 2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Securities and Capital Markets Law, Salt Lake

City, 2016, 2018, 2024

- *The Legal 500* Private Practice M&A Powerlist: USA Region, 2024
- *The Legal 500* Elite City Focus – Salt Lake City - Corporate & M&A series, 2025
- *IFLR 1000*, Capital Markets: Equity and M&A, 2022, 2023
- *IFLR 1000*, Highly Regarded in Capital Markets and M&A – State, 2019-2022
- *IFLR 1000*, Capital Markets and Investment Funds, 2021
- *China Business Law Journal*, Deal of the Year, China Pacific Property Insurance invests in MetroMile, Inc., 2016
- BTI, Client Service All-Star Team, 2010 (among only 164 lawyers recognized nationally for outstanding client service)
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®
- *The Legal 500*, M&A Section, 2009
- *Utah Business Magazine Legal Elite*, Corporate Law and Transactions; Mergers and Acquisitions; Securities, 2005-2010, 2014 and 2016-2021
- *IPO Rainmaker, The Directory of IPO Counsel*, 1996

Languages

- Dutch

Select Presentations

- "Over the Pond and Across the Pacific: Surveying the Wide World of Cross-Border M&A," Moderator, Dorsey Corporate Counsel Symposium, October 30, 2018
- "Preparing for the 2017 Proxy Season – Shareholder Activism Update," February 23, 2017
- "The Qualities of Successful Corporate Directors," Outstanding Directors Awards, June 2016
- "Preparing for the 2016 Proxy Season – Shareholder Activism Update," March 8, 2016
- "Legal and Ethical Duties of In-House Counsel after In Re Dole Food Co.," ACC In-House in Review, 2015
- "Role of the M&A Lawyer in the "M&A Mating Dance,"" March 30, 2010
- "Capital Raising Alternatives -- Overview and Selected Legal Issues," Seminar, 2009
- "Executive Compensation Disclosure Rules," Utah State Bar, Securities Section, 2006
- "Securities Offering Reforms," Seminar, 2006
- "Legal Issues in the Venture Process," University Private Equity Summit, Panel Member, 2005
- "Venture Capital Transaction Training Series," Seminars 2004-2005
- "Preparing for the IPO, Sarbanes-Oxley Corporate Governance and Other Reforms," Seminar 2004
- "Legal Issues in Venture Capital," University Private Equity Summit, Panel Member, 2004
- "Being a Director: New Standards, New Challenges" American Society of Corporate Secretaries (General Counsel Professional Association) 57th National Conference, June 2003
- "Legal Aspects of Raising Capital in the Current Market," Seminar, 2002 (Wayne Brown Institute)
- "Option Exchange Tender Offers under SEC Rule 13e-4," Seminar, 2001

- “Capital Markets Chaos: How to Create Value in Emerging and Undervalued Companies,” Seminar, 2001
 - “Regulation FD,” Seminar, 2000
 - “Overview of Regulation FD,” Seminar, 2000 (Financial Executives Institute)
 - “Road Map to an IPO,” Seminar, 1998
 - “Plain English Forum Review of new Securities & Exchange Commission Rules,” Seminar, 1998
 - ALI-ABA “Mergers & Acquisitions - Acquisitions and Divestures of Subsidiaries and Divisions,” Seminar, 1991
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Insights

June 1, 2023

Utah 2023 Legal Elite

November 19, 2021

Speaking on Business: Dorsey & Whitney

July 6, 2017

Dorsey Partner Nolan Taylor Comments on the Importance of Pro Bono

November 9, 2016

SEC Clarifies Baby Shelf Rules