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Overview

Ira Kotel is a member of Dentons' Corporate and Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies groups.

His practice encompasses all major transactional areas, including mergers and acquisitions, public and private securities offerings, venture capital transactions, joint ventures and strategic alliances, technology licensing, structured and project finance, general contract negotiation, and general corporate advice.

He regularly serves as outside general counsel to numerous emerging growth and middle market companies. In addition to overseeing their day-to-day corporate counseling needs, he also provides strategic and transactional advice on a variety of major business transactions for clients both domestically and internationally.

Ira has extensive experience representing a wide variety of issuers, placement agents, underwriters and investors in numerous private placement and public offering transactions. He regularly advises companies in the telecommunications, technology, mobile, software, marketing, private equity, venture capital, financial, biotechnology and medical device industries. Ira is also a leader of the Dentons SPAC practice, representing SPACs in their IPOs and target companies in their business combinations.

In addition to preparing related offering documents, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and NASDAQ Stock Market filings and listing applications, and assisting in due diligence, Ira often is engaged in addressing significant issues with SEC and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) regulators and representatives of the NYSE and NASDAQ.

Ira has represented major investment banking firms and corporations in connection with mergers and acquisitions.

He is a frequent speaker on legal and business issues at industry conferences for the finance, technology and life sciences sectors.

Insights

- Co-author, "SEC Dramatically Expands Investor Access to Private Financings," Dentons client alert, September 22, 2020

- Co-author, "SEC Increases Obligations for Proxy Advisors," Dentons client alert, September 1, 2020
- Co-author, "Shareholder Rights Plans: Recent Trends," Dentons client alert, May 1, 2020
- Co-author, "COVID-19 Updates: Virtual Shareholder Meetings," Dentons client alert, April 2, 2020
- Co-author, "SEC Provides Conditional Regulatory Relief for Public Companies and Individuals Affected by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak", Dentons client alert, March 12, 2020
- Co-author, "Recent SEC enforcement action reminds of need for care in handling MNPI and disclosing FDA-related information," Dentons client alert, September 20, 2019
- Co-author, "Proxy Reform: SEC Issues Interpretive Guidance on Institutional Investors' Proxy Voting Responsibilities and Reliance on Proxy Advisors," Dentons client alert, September 13, 2019
- Co-author, "SEC Proposes Rule Amendments to Modernize Regulation S-K Disclosure," Dentons client alert, August 14, 2019

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

Ira contributes his services on a pro bono basis and devotes a portion of his practice to not-for-profit entity formation and organizational matters.

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Equity Capital Markets
- Initial Public Offerings
- IPOs and Public Offerings
- Joint Ventures
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Company Reporting
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Stock Exchange Listings
- Venture Capital
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies

Industry sectors

- Biotechnology Companies
- Information Technology (IT)
- Life Sciences
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Medical Device Companies
- Mobile
- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Private Equity
- Technology

Issues and opportunities

- Crowdfunding

Education

- Columbia Law School, 1989, JD, James A. Elkins Scholar, Member of the Columbia Business Law Review
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 1986, AB, *summa cum laude*

Admissions and qualifications

- New Jersey
- New York
- US Supreme Court