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Overview

Jeff Haidet serves as the US Chairman of Dentons, the world's largest law firm. In this role, he works closely with practice and division leaders to deliver effective and efficient client services. In addition, he helps drive the firm's efforts to define and provide tangible value to all firm clients to address shifting priorities in the legal industry. He shares his innovative thought leadership perspective through numerous avenues, including forums and publications on law firm evolution, collaborative culture, corporate social responsibility and servant leadership.

Jeff focuses his law practice on providing advice regarding domestic and international commercial transactions for a variety of corporate clients. He advises clients on transaction and financial structuring, mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances and industry consolidations. He also acts as chief outside legal counsel for several of the firm's clients. In this role, he has advised clients regarding corporate compliance issues and has managed numerous internal investigations and special committee representations. Additionally, Jeff represents law firms and other professional service firms regarding governance matters, succession planning and the acquisition and development of ancillary businesses. Jeff has been recognized by *The Legal 500 US* for M&A: middle-market and by *Best Lawyers in America* for Mergers and Acquisition Law and Corporate Law.

Experience

- **Internal Investigation:** Handled an internal investigation regarding executive conduct for a leading energy company
- **Aviana:** Representation of a medical device company regarding fundraising and IP commercialization.
- **Radiant Systems, Inc.:** Representation of the management team of Radiant Systems, Inc., a leading provider of multichannel point-of-sale and managed hosted service solutions to the hospitality and specialty retail markets, in connection with the company's acquisition by NCR Corporation. NCR Corporation provides technologies and services that help businesses primarily in the financial services industry to connect, interact, and relate with their customers worldwide.
- **BCD Travel:** Representation of BCD Travel in its industry consolidation creating an enterprise that is now one of the top global travel management companies.

- **Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.:** Representation of special committees of the Board of Directors of Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. in connection with the acquisitions of Amalgamated Beverages Great Britain Limited (UK) and Coca-Cola Beverages S.A. Coca-Cola Production S.A., and S.A. Beverage Sales Holding N.V. (France and Belgium).
- **Private Equity:** Representation of a family office in its investments in emerging consumer goods products.
- **Internal Investigation:** Representation of a Fortune 500 company in connection with an internal investigation of its compliance with certain regulatory disclosures and related party transaction policies.
- **EMart:** Representation of leading global retailer in connection with establishing operations in the United States.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- Selected among [James Magazine's](#) 2018 Most Influential

Insights

- "2017 US Inbound M&A Overview and 2018 Outlook (Perspective)", *Bloomberg Law*®, April 16, 2018
- "The Flood of Inbound M&A and Outlook for 2017 (Perspective)", *Bloomberg Law*®, *Big Law Business*, March 2, 2017
- "Inbound M&A deals: Adrift for now?," *Law360*, December 2, 2016
- "2016's Thriving M&A Market," *Law360*, November 2, 2016
- "The Requirement to Care – Leading the Way for Pro Bono Commitment," *Points of Light Blog*, May 24, 2012
- "What to Expect From a Typical Law Firm M&A," *Inside the Minds Series: Current Issues & Trends in Law Firm Mergers & Acquisitions*, *Aspatore Books*
- "Getting Extra Credit for Taking a Risk," *Corporate Advisory*
- "No Further Hedge Fund Regulation - For Now," *Corporate Advisory*
- "Business Needs to Create Environment for Ethical Behavior," *Gwinnett Forum*

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Metro Atlanta Chamber Executive Committee
- University of Toledo College of Law, Dean's Advisory Council
- Atlanta Commerce Club, Board of Directors
- Points of Light Foundation, Board of Directors and General Counsel
- Saint Joseph's Mercy Foundation, Board of Directors 2010- 2014
- Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors

- General Counsel, 2004 G-8 Organizing Committee
- Catholic Foundation of N. Georgia, Chair, Board of Directors

Presentations

- Panelist, "Public Private Partnerships and Foreign Direct Investment", U.S. Chamber of Commerce "Invest in America!" summit, April 12, 2016
- "Roundtable on the Future of Lawyer Hiring, Development & Advancement", NALP .
- "Leadership and Innovation: Strategies To Jumpstart Your Growth Engine", The University of Georgia Terry College of Business.
- "Diocesan Organizational Structures: Canon vs. Civil Law", Diocesan Administrators Conference
- "Ethical Leadership", Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
- "Foreign Agency and Distributorship Agreements", Legal Aspects of Exporting Seminar
- "Perspectives from Corporate Law and Finance", The Future of the Global Law Firm, Georgetown University Law Center
- "Implementing Alternative Fee Strategies", Association of Corporate Counsel, Europe
- "Mergers Dos and Don'ts", Law Firm Expansion Summit, West Legalworks
- "Importance of Aligning Civic Engagement and Business Goals", Billion Plus Change White House Event
- "Management Challenges", ALAS Managing Partners Forum
- "Lateral Partner Integration Strategies", Law Firm Leaders Forum

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Finance
- Government Contracts - US
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Joint Ventures
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Policy and Regulation

Industry sectors

- Financial Institutions
- Private Equity

Education

- Miami University, 1982, BA
- University of Toledo, JD, *magna cum laude*

Admissions and qualifications

- Georgia