

# Kristina Beirne

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## Overview

Kristina E. Beirne is a Corporate partner in Dentons' New York office and a member of the Firm's global German desk. A German native, she is a fully qualified lawyer in Germany as well as a member of the New York state bar. She specializes in advising clients on M&A, joint ventures and financings, with a focus on cross-border transactions, as well as on securities law matters, particularly as applied to issuers based outside the US. Kristina also has considerable experience with selling and purchasing assets of companies in bankruptcy, as well as with general corporate restructuring issues.

Kristina advises German and other worldwide clients on a broad range of corporate law matters in numerous industries, including health care, life sciences, hospitality, manufacturing, consumer goods and technology. She also provides general corporate and governance advice to US and global clients with respect to their US operations.

## Experience

### M&A

- **Lactalis Group:** Represented in its acquisition of Ehrmann Commonwealth Dairy and its subsidiaries of the US yogurt business of Ehrmann AG, the Bavaria, Germany based dairy company.
- **Digitech:** Represented the leading provider of Revenue Cycle Management and technology solutions for Emergency Medical Services transport providers in connection with its disposition to Pamlico Capital pursuant to which Digitech's founders retained a significant ownership stake.
- **Parcel Pending, Inc.:** Represented in its sale to Mailroom Holdings, Inc., a US subsidiary of French public company Neopost, a global leader in mail solutions, business process automation, customer experience management and parcel locker solutions.
- **Dignity Health:** Represented in its combination with Catholic Health Initiatives to create a new, nonprofit Catholic health system. The deal brought together two leading health systems, allowing the organizations to expand their mission of service and create a healthier future for people and communities across 28 states.
- **Muka Metal, A.S.:** Represented this Turkish manufacturer and marketer of hospital beds, patient room

furniture and accessories in its disposition to Stryker Corporation.

- **Novus International, Inc.:** Represented in its acquisition of of Dow Chemical's methylmercaptopropanal plant in St. Charles Parish, LA.
- **Consumer Goods Company:** Represented in several US and European acquisitions, totaling approximately US\$900 million. This Hong Kong-headquartered company sells apparel, cosmetics and jewelry.
- **Russian public company:** Represented its subsidiary in a US\$155 million acquisition of the stock, out of bankruptcy, of a US operator of a sea-based satellite launch platform.
- **French biotechnology company:** Represented in the acquisition of patents and other US assets out of bankruptcy.
- **Financial services software company:** Represented in its US\$100 million disposition to a large US bank in an auction process.

## Investments and Joint Ventures

- **ATAI Life Sciences AG:** Represented the global biotech platform dedicated to curing mental health disorders in its investments in several US companies.
- **United Company RUSAL plc.:** Represented in its investment in Braidy Atlas, LLC, a joint venture with Kentucky-based Braidy Industries, Inc. to build and operate the first greenfield aluminum rolling mill to be built in the US in 37 years.
- **Children's National Hospital:** Represented Children's National in its investment in Configo Health Inc.
- **NET Power, LLC:** Represented Net Power, developing a revolutionary emission-free natural gas power generation technology, in its investment with Oxy Low Carbon Ventures, LLC (OLCV), a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation (NYSE:OXY) (subject to regulatory approval).
- **Great Eagle:** Represented the Hong-Kong based property developer in its investment in NeueHouse, a New York-based provider of upscale co-working spaces.
- **Montage International:** Represented owner of Montage and Pendry branded hotels in connection with a strategic investment by an affiliate of Ares Management, L.P., including an up to 20 percent minority state acquisition and the provision of up to US\$200 million in future growth capital by Ares.
- **Chongqing Lummy Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.:** Represented in connection with its license agreement with Argos Therapeutics, Inc., a US public biopharmaceutical company, including a related investment in Argos by affiliate Tianyi Lummy International Holdings Group Ltd.
- **Loews Hotels & Resorts:** Represented in its acquisition of a majority ownership of the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ, from Catalina Hotel Associates.
- **Russian state-owned investment fund:** Represented in its investments in US biotech companies, including licenses with Russian subsidiaries.
- **Private equity fund:** Represented in three investments in US online retail and marketing technology companies.

## Securities Law

- **Xerium Technologies, Inc.:** Represented on its exchange offer to exchange US\$479.5 million aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 9.5% senior secured notes due 2021 for a like principal amount of 9.5% senior secured notes due 2021.
- **Capital Power Corporation:** Represented on its private placement of CA\$160 million 3.85% senior guaranteed notes, due 2026, issued to Prudential Insurance through its four primary subsidiaries.

- **German biotechnology company:** Represented in its listing on the Nasdaq Global Market.

# Activities and Affiliations

## Prior and Present Employment

Before joining Dentons, Kristina was an associate general counsel at a Nasdaq- and Frankfurt-Stock-Exchange-listed biotechnology company incorporated in Germany, where she held primary responsibilities for all M&A and financing activities as well as for compliance with US securities laws (as applicable to foreign private issuers). Prior to that, she worked at a global law firm in New York in the areas of M&A, restructuring, private equity and securities law.

# Areas of focus

## Practices

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies
- Privatizations

## Industry sectors

- Life Sciences
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Luxury, Fashion and Beauty
- Private Equity
- Retail

# Education

- Northwestern University, 1995, LL.M.
- University of Hamburg, 1993, Erstes Juristisches Staatsexamen, (German JD equivalent)

# Admissions and qualifications

- Bar Exam - Zweites Juristisches Staatsexamen - OLG Düsseldorf, Germany, 1998
- New York

# Languages

- English
- German