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FOCUS AREAS

Corporate Governance
Mergers & Acquisitions

HIGHLIGHTS

Expert in M&A and Strategic Transactions

Ross is a strategic advisor who counsels boards of directors and management teams on their most challenging issues. He has significant experience with M&A and corporate governance matters, particularly in the technology and life sciences industries, including mergers and acquisitions, tender and exchange offers, asset acquisitions, divestitures and business carve-outs, equity investments, and joint ventures and other strategic partnerships.

Experienced Dealmaker

Ross's recent transactional experience includes announced or completed M&A and other strategic transactions valued at over \$90 billion in the aggregate.

EXPERIENCE

Ross Tanaka is a partner in the mergers and acquisitions practice of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Ross advises public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, financing transactions, and other corporate and securities law matters. His transaction experience includes mergers, business combinations, asset and stock purchases, divestitures, carve-outs and spin-off transactions, private equity and venture financing transactions, joint ventures, and other strategic transactions.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2015
With Honors; Articles Editor, Washington Law Review; Recipient, Vivian A. Carkeek Prize
- B.A., English, Pomona College, 2011
Recipient, F.S. Jennings Memorial Prize

Admissions

- State Bar of Washington

MATTERS

Select Matters

- Hawaiian Holdings, Inc. in its pending \$1.9 billion sale to Alaska Airlines Group, Inc.
- DTx Pharma, Inc. in its sale to Novartis for a \$500 million upfront payment and an additional \$500 million in milestone payments

- Sumo Logic, Inc. in its \$1.7 billion sale to Francisco Partners
- ForgeRock, Inc. in its \$2.3 billion sale to Thoma Bravo
- Twitter, Inc. in its \$44 billion sale to Elon Musk
- Zynga Inc. in its \$12.7 billion sale to Take-Two Interactive, Inc.
- Encora Holdings Limited in its approximately \$1.5 billion sale to Advent International
- Twitter, Inc., in the \$1.05 billion sale of its MoPub mobile ad network to Applovin Corporation
- io in its sale to Microsoft Corporation
- Box, Inc. in its \$500 million preferred stock investment led by KKR
- Inspirato LLC in its \$1.07 billion de-SPAC merger with Thayer Ventures Acquisition Corp.
- Spire Global, Inc., in its \$1.1 billion de-SPAC merger with NavSight Holdings, Inc.
- Nautilus Biotechnology in its \$900 million de-SPAC merger with Arya Sciences Acquisition Corp. III
- DoorDash, Inc. in its acquisition of Chowbotics, Inc.
- Text IQ, Inc. in its sale to Relativity ODA LLC
- Ipsy in its acquisition of Boxy Charm, Inc.
- Jitterbit, Inc. in its sale to Audax Private Equity
- Mastercard International in its acquisition of Transactis, Inc.