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Donald Bussard focuses his practice on advising corporations, boards of directors and board committees in connection with mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations, stock issuances, stockholders' meetings and relations, and corporate governance matters.

Chambers reports that Don is "very smart and knows Delaware corporation law inside and out" (*Chambers USA*, 2018). The senior member of the Corporate Department's transactional group, he is a contributing author to *The Delaware Law of Corporations and Business Organizations*, a multi-volume treatise on Delaware corporate law coauthored by Messrs. Balotti and Finkelstein of Richards, Layton & Finger.

Experience

- Represented Genworth Financial, Inc. in connection with its proposed acquisition by China Oceanwide Holdings Group Co., Ltd. for approximately \$2.8 billion
- Represented Dell Inc. in its acquisition of data storage company EMC Corp. in a cash and stock transaction valued at \$67 billion
- Represented Microsoft Corp. in connection with its acquisition of LinkedIn Corp. for \$26.2 billion in an all-cash transaction
- Represented DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. in its acquisition by NBCUniversal Inc., a division of Comcast Corp., in a deal valued at \$4 billion
- Represented Allergan in its sale to Actavis in a transaction valued at approximately \$66 billion, defeating an unsolicited offer from Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. to acquire Allergan for \$49.44 billion
- Represented Reynolds American in its acquisition of Lorillard Inc. in a deal valued at \$27.4 billion, including assumed debt
- Represented GECC in connection with the formation of SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL and its \$2.8 billion IPO

Prior Representative Experience

- Represented Dell Inc. in the \$24.9 billion transaction whereby Michael Dell and

- other investors took Dell private
- Represented the special committee of Dole Food Co. in connection with Dole's going-private transaction that valued Dole at approximately \$1.6 billion
- Represented the special committee of the board of directors of Clearwire Corporation in connection with the acquisition offers for Clearwire submitted by Sprint Nextel Corporation and by DISH Network Corporation
- Represented BHP Billiton in its acquisition of Houston-based Petrohawk Energy Corp. for \$15.1 billion
- Represented Pharmasset Inc. in its acquisition by Gilead Sciences Inc. for \$11 billion
- Represented the U.K.'s Enco plc in its acquisition of Price International Inc. of Houston for \$7.3 billion in cash and stock
- Represented Wyeth in its acquisition by rival Pfizer for \$68 billion
- Represented Mars, Incorporated in the acquisition of Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. for nearly \$23 billion
- Represented Marvel Entertainment in its \$4 billion acquisition by Walt Disney Company

Publications

- "The (Mis)Application of Section 144," *Delaware Lawyer*, Spring 2008
- Contributor, *The Delaware Law of Corporations and Business Organizations*, R. Franklin Balotti, Jesse A. Finkelstein, Aspen Publishers, updated 2012

Awards

- *Chambers USA*, since 2008
- *The Legal 500 US*, 2017, 2016
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 1995
- *Best Lawyers' Wilmington, DE Corporate Lawyer of the Year*, 2016, 2010
- *Best Lawyers' Wilmington, DE Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year* 2014
- *Best Lawyers' Wilmington, DE Corporate Governance Lawyer of the Year*, 2013
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*
- *Super Lawyers*, since 2008; Top 10 in 2011, 2010
- *Who's Who Legal*, since first edition in 2001
- *Delaware Today Top Lawyer*, 2013, 2010

Leadership

- Delaware State Bar Association, Council of the Corporation Law Section (Former

Chair, 2000-2002; Former Member, 1986-2016)

Education

- J.D., Temple University School of Law, 1976
- B.A., Williams College, 1973

Admitted to Practice

- Delaware
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Delaware

Practices

- Corporate Advisory and Governance
- Special Committees