

LESLEY ATKISSON LEWIS

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Lesley Lewis has extensive experience advising private and public companies, private equity groups, and family-owned businesses in a broad range of corporate legal matters, from structuring and negotiating complex merger and acquisition transactions to advising founders and management teams in connection with their day-to-day business legal needs.

Lesley's practice includes a broad range of corporate transactional matters, with a focus on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, carve-out transactions, and private equity investments. She also routinely advises clients in general corporate matters, such as the formation, structuring, and governance of privately held business entities, and the drafting and negotiating of commercial contracts. Lesley enjoys working with founders and management teams on all of their day-to-day legal issues, regardless of industry, and is frequently described as an "outside general counsel" to several of her clients.

Lesley's clients include businesses in a variety of industries, such as manufacturing, software, packaging, transportation and logistics, life sciences, and energy. Those clients appreciate her practical approach to resolving the unforeseen issues that invariably arise in corporate transactions to ensure that deals get done in a timely and efficient manner.

Notable

- *Business North Carolina* Legal Elite, Young Guns, 2023
- *Mecklenburg Times*, "Most Influential Women", 2018
- Coordinator, Moore & Van Allen Public Service Committee; Devonshire Reading Program
- Hiring Partner, Moore & Van Allen Recruiting Committee
- Member, Moore & Van Allen Attorney Development Committee

Capabilities

Corporate Governance & Shareholder Relations
Joint Ventures & Strategic Transactions
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Securities & Capital Markets

Education

J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, 2009, Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
B.S., Davidson College, 2006, magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

North Carolina, 2009

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- Member, Moore & Van Allen Public Service Committee
- Member, Moore & Van Allen Young Professionals Sub-Committee
- Member, JDRF Hope Gala Committee, 2019-present

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar
- Charlotte Women Attorneys

Representative Experience

- Represented a multinational consumer packaging company in multiple carve-out divestitures with an aggregate value of over \$1 billion
- Represented a multinational, Paris-based provider of cable and fiber optics in the divestiture of its North American local area network copper and fiber cable manufacturing business in a transaction valued at \$202 million
- Represented a global packaging solutions provider in its strategic acquisition of a manufacturer of thermoformed packaging for the healthcare, medical device, and consumer markets for approximately \$187 million
- Represented the founders of a chain of specialty pharmacies in an auction process and sale to a financial sponsor
- Represented a privately-held litigation support services provider in an auction process and sale to a private equity fund and in numerous add-on acquisitions
- Represented a B2B technology and data-driven solutions company in its sale to a Canadian utility
- Represented a privately held foundation repair business in its merger with a newly formed subsidiary of a private equity fund
- Represented an independent sponsor in the acquisition of a manufacturer of custom packaging and shrink sleeve labels for the craft beverage industry
- Represented a private government contractor in its strategic acquisition of various federal, state, and local government suppliers
- Represented a public utility and an infrastructure-focused private equity fund in the \$600 million sale of a fiber optic cable business
- Represented a portfolio company of an infrastructure private equity fund in the divestiture of a cogeneration facility located in Florida to a public utility for \$451 million (inclusive of debt)
- Represented a public utility in the sale of its interest in 14 cooling and cogeneration facilities

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- Represented the founders of a data sanitization services business in an auction process and sale to a financial sponsor
- Represented the portfolio company of a private equity firm in numerous add-on acquisitions in the professional education services sector
- Represented a private equity sponsor in connection with a dividend recapitalization of a portfolio company
- Represented a publicly-traded Canadian corporation in the restructuring of its U.S. operations