

Biography



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Tax Matters relating to Mergers and Acquisitions, Spin-offs, Restructurings, Joint Ventures, Corporate Finance Transactions and Executive Compensation

Stuart Finkelstein represents clients on a wide range of tax matters, with particular emphasis on mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, including spin-offs, debt and equity offerings, corporate and partnership restructurings, and joint ventures. He also provides tax guidance regarding executive compensation and tax controversy matters.

Mr. Finkelstein has been involved in a number of significant transactions in the financial services industry. For example, he has represented:

- Citigroup Inc. in a number of acquisitions and divestitures, including its acquisition of Grupo Cuscatlán, Bank of Overseas Chinese (Taiwan), Golden State Bancorp Inc. and Associates First Capital Corporation; the sale of its life insurance and annuities businesses to MetLife, Inc. and its asset management business to Legg Mason, Inc.; the initial public offering and tax-free spin-off of Travelers Property Casualty Corp.; and in the issuance of more than \$50 billion in debt and equity offerings over the past 10 years;
- NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. in several transactions, including its acquisitions of Instinet Group, Inc. and Direct Reporting Corporation, and various debt and equity offerings;
- Knight Capital Group in its acquisitions of Direct Trading Institutional, Inc.; Donaldson & Co., Incorporated; EdgeTrade Inc.; Hotspot FX, Inc.; ValuBond, Inc.; and its restructuring of its investment in Deephaven Capital Management LLC; and
- Janus Capital Group, Inc. in several debt financings; its acquisition of a controlling interest in Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company, LLC; and various matters relating to INTECH Investment Management LLC.

Mr. Finkelstein regularly is consulted on tax matters related to corporate restructurings. He has represented a number of clients in connection with restructurings involving tax-free spin-offs, including Autoliv AB; Citigroup Inc.; Culligan Water Technologies, Inc.; Gaylord Entertainment Company; Janus Capital Group, Inc.; J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; and Samsonite Corporation and, most recently, represented Loews Corporation in its split-off of Lorillard, Inc. Mr. Finkelstein also counsels clients on matters relating to financially troubled businesses, both in and

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Education

J.D., The University of Michigan Law School, 1985 (*cum laude*)

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out of bankruptcy proceedings, and he has provided tax advice in the bankruptcy reorganizations of A.H. Robins Company, Inc.; Crowthers McCall Pattern, Inc.; E-II Holdings, Inc.; First City Bancorporation of Texas, Inc.; Fleming Companies, Inc.; GenTek Inc.; Globix Corporation; The Grand Union Company; Nortel Networks; Owens Corning; and Source Interlink Companies, Inc.

Mr. Finkelstein also has advised clients in the telecommunications industry, including Centennial Communications Corp.; Hughes Telematics, Inc.; Nokia Siemens Networks; and SkyTerra Communications, Inc.

Mr. Finkelstein has represented various private equity funds in a variety of transactions, including Thomas H. Lee Company in its leveraged recapitalizations of Big Flower Press; Fisher Scientific International, Inc.; Rayovac Corporation; Sneaker Stadium; and Apollo Advisors, L.P.

Mr. Finkelstein repeatedly has been named among the nation's top tax practitioners by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Legal 500*, *Tax Directors Handbook*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the East*. He has spoken around the country and published several articles on various corporate tax planning matters.