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John Pitfield is co-chair of Choate's Business & Technology Group. He has been named a top lawyer in Corporate/M&A by *Chambers USA* and a *Best Lawyer in America* in Securities Regulation law. He has also been named in *The Legal 500* for middle market private equity buyouts and a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto
Law School
LLB, 1997

Queen's University
BA, 1994, first class
distinction (Honors)

PRACTICE FOCUS

Corporate & Securities

Public offerings, tender offers and debt and equity financings, for both US and Canadian companies.

Mergers & Acquisitions

Corporate transactions for public and private companies, including all types of mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts and going private transactions for companies in a broad spectrum of industries.

Private Equity

All aspects of capital raising and acquisition of target companies for funds of all types.

Public Company Compliance

Corporate governance matters, public company reporting and regulatory compliance, including with the rules and regulations of the US Securities and Exchange Commission and The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Representation of Claris Vision in its sale to Eli Global.
- Representation of Quadrant Software and Candescent Partners in sale of Quadrant Software to Fresche Legacy.
- Representation of Dermatology Associates and Candescent Partners in sale of Dermatology Associates to ABRY Partners.
- Representation of John Risley, co-founder of Clearwater Fine Foods Incorporated, and affiliated entity FP Resources USA Inc. in acquisition of The First Marblehead Corporation (NYSE: FMD).
- \$100 million follow-on offering for Nasdaq-listed company.
- Represented Canadian biotechnology and marketing companies in US "wrap" components of Canadian bought deals.

ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Technology

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Public Companies

- \$20 million buyout acquisition of dental management company.
- \$100 million acquisition of privately-held US company.
- \$400 million disposition of division of a public US company.
- \$40 million disposition of privately-held US company.
- \$5 million exchangeable share investment in a Canadian software company.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Representation of Claris Vision in its sale to Eli Global.
- Representation of John Risley, co-founder of Clearwater Fine Foods Incorporated, and affiliated entity FP Resources USA Inc. in the acquisition of The First Marblehead Corporation (NYSE: FMD).
- Representation of Dermatology Associates and Candescant Partners in sale of Dermatology Associates to ABRY Partners.
- Representation of Quadrant Software and Candescant Partners in sale of Quadrant Software to Fresche Legacy.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Practical Tips for Canadian Companies Launching in the U.S. Market,” *speaker*, Canadian Entrepreneurs in New England's 48hrs in the Hub, Boston, April 2015.
- “Practical Tips for Canadian Companies Launching in the US Market,” *speaker*, Canadian Entrepreneurs in New England's 48hrs in the Hub, October 2014.
- “Proxy Statement Interactive Breakfast Seminar,” *panelist*, RR Donnelley, October 2013.
- “Practical Tips for Canadian Companies Launching in the US Market” *speaker*, The Canadian Technology Accelerator and the Canadian Entrepreneurs in New England's 48 Hours in the Hub, October 2013.
- “Q&A With Choate’s John Pitfield,” *featured*, *Securities Law360*, May 2013.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Pitfield is a member of the American and Boston Bar Associations. He is the former co-chair and serves on the Board of Visitors of Fenway Health, a leading Boston-based LGBT health provider and research institute.