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Rees Hawkins has extensive experience representing private equity and growth equity funds in a broad range of corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, and cross-border transactions. Additionally, he advises founder-backed and sponsor-backed portfolio companies on financing transactions, equity matters and dispositions. Rees works with companies in a variety of industries, including software, technology and healthcare, and regularly represents growth companies at all stages of the business lifecycle.

Admissions

Massachusetts

Representative Engagements

Private Equity / Growth Equity

- Represented Summit Partners in its investments and sales of eClinical Solutions (clinical data management), Executive Health International (employer-based preventative healthcare), among others.
- Represented Guidepost Growth Equity in its investments in and sales of ActiveViam (data analytics)
 and Traction on Demand (Salesforce consulting) and investments in Class Wallet (payment systems),
 Innovative (cloud consulting and services), Shibumi.com (portfolio management software), Intellum
 (learning management software) and Kaizen (compliance and regulatory reporting).
- Represented Sunstone Partners in its investments in Stova (conference registration software) and vCheck Global (background checks) and investment in, acquisitions by and divestiture of Thirdera (ServiceNow consulting services).
- Represented Silversmith Capital in its investments in and sales of Centauri Health Solutions (healthcare IT), PDFTron Systems (PDF developer tools), and Absorb Software (learning management system), and investments in Impact Radius (digital marketing solutions), Digital Map Products (location intelligence solutions), ActiveCampaign (marketing automation software) and RedAwning (rental booking technology), Validity (Sales & marketing Software) and Net Health (EHR Software and Healthcare Analytics).
- Represented Novacap, a Canadian private equity firm in investment in multiple data center platforms and add-on acquisitions.
- Represented Spectrum Equity in its investments in and divestitures of Definitive Healthcare (healthcare IT), Extreme Reach (digital advertising solutions), HealthMEDX (healthcare IT), Net Health (healthcare IT) and Tenstreet (driver recruitment software).

Focus Areas

Private Equity and M&A Buyouts, Growth Equity and M&A Life Sciences and Technology

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- Represented Copley Equity Partners in its investments in Capital Premium Finance (insurance premium financing) Cartessa Aesthetics (aesthetic technology), LJB Inc. (civil and structural engineering), Roof Depot (roofing services) and OBR Tower Cooling (cooling towers).
- Represented Symmetric Capital in its investments in and divestitures of BioRx (specialty pharmacy),
 Complete Innovations (fleet tracking software), Mathnasium (math tutoring services), Preventure
 (wellness solutions), School Improvement Network (online educator content) and Gryphon Networks
 (sales performance software).

Technology M&A

- · Represented Braintree Payment Solutions/Venmo in its \$800 million sale to PayPal.
- Represented Apryse Software Corp., a portfolio company of Silversmith Capital and Thoma Bravo, in more than seven add-on acquisitions.
- · Represented Tenstreet in its majority growth investment from Providence Equity.
- · Represented Absorb Software in its sale to Welsh Carson.
- · Represented Centauri Health Solutions in its majority investment from Abry Partners.
- · Represented NetHealth in its sale to The Carlyle Group.
- · Represented Kapa Biosystems in its \$445 million sale to Roche Diagnostics.
- Represented iPay Technologies in its \$300 million sale to Jack Henry.
- Represented Vera Whole Health in its majority investment from Clayton, Dubilier & Rice.
- · Represented PR Wireless in its sale to Sprint.

Cross-Border M&A

- Represented Auction Technology Group (LSE: ATG) in its acquisitions of LiveAuctioneers, Auction Mobility and Vintage Software.
- Represented Thirdera in its acquisitions of Appoxio (Canada), Service Line Solutions (Australia), Cerna (US) and Silverstorm (Spain).
- Represented Apryse (fka PDFTron) in its acquisitions in England, Canada, Austria, Germany and New Zealand.
- Represented Syntax Systems (Canada) in its acquisition of Freudenberg IT (Germany, Mexico, China).
- Represented Greencore (LSE: GNC.L) in its acquisition of On a Roll Sales, Marketfare Foods, H.C Schau, Lettieri's, and Gretchen's Shoe Box Express.

Professional & Community Involvement

· Corporate pro bono work for the Center for Women & Enterprise