

## Private Equity

Crowell & Moring's private equity practice combines seasoned fund formation, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and finance professionals to offer clients the knowledge and experience needed for successful transactions. We represent investors and targets whose interests involve a broad range of industries, including energy, manufacturing, telecommunications, health care, technology and e-commerce, and media and entertainment. To help maximize opportunities, we use a wide variety of transaction structures, from public and private mergers to Section 363 acquisitions out of bankruptcy.

We serve a wide range of clients, which includes private equity funds and other sponsor vehicles that do not have committed capital, such as pledge funds and fundless sponsors. This wealth of experience gives us insight into the process of making complex business decisions, an understanding of the internal dynamics and operations of private equity and venture capital dealmakers, and a "360 degree" view that allows transactions to be completed more efficiently.

Our practitioners provide sophisticated, high-quality representation without sacrificing perspective on the magnitude of the undertaking or the economic considerations of our clients. We handle private equity buyout and recapitalization transactions of all sizes, with the core of our practice being middle market deals. We also have a strong understanding of the entrepreneurs and family operators that constitute the vast majority of sellers in this price range, as well as the senior and mezzanine lenders who focus on such transactions.

As a pioneer in alternative fee arrangements, our private equity practice offers fee solutions for a wide variety of dealmakers and transaction types. After the deal is complete, we offer comprehensive, high-quality, acquisition-to-exit services to our clients' portfolio companies, including tax, employee benefits, employment law, regulatory, and commercial litigation matters.