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Brad has extensive experience advising financial sponsors, alternative asset managers, family offices, and private companies in connection with a wide range of strategic transactions and corporate matters. As co-chair of Winston's Private Equity Practice, Brad leads one of the broadest and most active middle-market private equity groups in the U.S.

Brad represents private investment funds, hedge funds, family offices, lending institutions, and other alternative asset managers on complex business transactions. He counsels clients in structuring, negotiating, documenting, and executing leveraged buyouts, take-private transactions, minority recapitalizations, growth equity investments, distressed and special situations, PIPE transactions, joint ventures, business combinations, and other commercial transactions. Brad also advises on the implementation and execution of exit strategies through divestitures, public offerings, and recapitalizations.

Brad also represents public and private companies and private equity investors in the management of their portfolio companies in connection with a variety of matters, including: mergers and acquisitions; senior secured and subordinated debt offerings and refinancings; mezzanine debt offerings; high-yield note offerings; public equity offerings; workouts; and corporate reorganizations.

In addition, he represents real estate funds in a variety of transactions, including fundraising and formation; acquisitions; financings; and dispositions of office buildings, multi-family, residential, and mixed-use developments.

Brad regularly represents founders, entrepreneurs, and emerging and established entities in growth-oriented capital raises as well as liquidating transactions and recapitalizations.

Recent Experience

Brightwood Loan Services US\$41.5M Credit Facility for Cartridge Technologies, LLC

Camelot Communications, Ltd. acquired by PMG Worldwide

Revelstoke Capital Partners Strategic Minority Investment From Bonaccord Capital Partners

Torrey Partners's Sale to Stifel Financial Corp.

Culper Capital Partners's Acquisition of Ring Precision Components, New Vision Industries, and Dieco to form The Producto Group

ACON Investments' Acquisition of Vitalis Group

Battery Future Acquisition Corp. Closes US\$345M IPO

Seven Oaks Acquisition Corp. Business Combination with Boxed, Inc.

Post Capital Partners' Sale of EC Waste, LLC

Verano Enters Connecticut Cannabis Market with Vertical Integration Ahead of Adult-Use Transition

Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Legal 500 US, Private Equity* (2013–2023)
- In 2013, he was selected as a *New York Law Journal* "Rising Star" and *M&A Advisor* "40 Under 40 Legal Advisor."
- *New York Law Journal*: Rising Star
- M&A Advisor: 40 Under 40 Legal Advisor
- *Super Lawyers*: NY Metro
- *The Legal 500 US*

Activities

Brad is a member of the Law360 Private Equity Editorial Advisory Board and the Law.com Contributor Network. He is also on the Board of The Newark Mentorship Movement and is the Chairman of the Board of the SI Sandy Relief Fund.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Brad received his J.D. from Emory University and his B.A. from Binghamton University.

ADMISSIONS

- New York

Related Insights & News

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- “Risks and Challenges of Direct Investing,” Fall Forum for Private Investors, October 2012.
- “Risk Mitigation Strategies for Direct Investments in Private Companies,” Family Office Association Summer Global Summit, July 2012.
- “Protecting Your Firm From Antitrust Suits,” (co-author), *Buyouts*, February 2007.
- “Denying ‘No Reliance’ Clauses: How to Apply the Delaware Ruling in the ABRY-Providence Equality Partners Case,” (co-author), *The Deal*, March 2006.
- “Rolling the Dice; Reverse Break-Up Fees and Financing Outs—Will Private Equity Sponsors of Leveraged Public-to-Private Deals Continue to Absorb More of the Closing Risk?” (co-author), *New York Journal*, November 2005.

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Names New Litigation and Transactions Department Co-Chairs

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Private Equity Co-Chair Brad Vaiana Speaks on “Fund Raising for Independent Sponsors” Panel in Miami

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

IN THE MEDIA

Brad Vaiana Discusses Mentor Newark Art Exhibit with ROI-NJ

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Partners Recognized on the 2024 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America

OCTOBER 20, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2023

JUNE 7, 2023

BLOG

Winston’s Fourth Class of Protégés Graduates from D&I Associate Sponsorship Program

MAY 25, 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

The SPAC Conference 2022

JUNE 15-16, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S. 2022*

JUNE 8, 2022

SPONSORSHIP

Winston & Strawn Sponsors The Deal Economy Conference 2022

JUNE 2, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Partners Recognized on the 2022 *Lawdragon 500* Leading Dealmakers in America

MAY 6, 2022

IN THE MEDIA

Winston & Strawn's Private Equity Practice Praised in *Mergermarket*

APRIL 28, 2022

SPONSORSHIP

Winston & Strawn Sponsors the ACG InterGrowth Conference 2022

APRIL 25-27, 2022

Capabilities

Transactions

Private Equity

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Investment Funds

Financial Services

Media & Entertainment

Insurance