



## Mark Harris

Partner

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Mark is highly regarded for his strategic counsel in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities and general corporate matters. He regularly represents public companies and the founders/owners/CEOs of private businesses, as well as buy-out and growth equity funds and their portfolio companies. His clients say he has “deep experience as a transactional lawyer and good judgment” and “a very astute legal mind, with a good understanding of business solutions.”

Mark is well known in the health care industry as an adviser to leading health care companies on acquisitions, sales and private equity transactions. Mark’s deal list spans a variety of other industries as well, including software/technology, media/publishing, consumer products, manufacturing and distribution and financial services.

A former tax partner with another leading global law firm, Mark brings a broad range of business and strategic experiences to his transactional work. Outside of his private law practice, Mark was the Chief Operating Officer and a Principal, Portfolio Manager of GTCR Golder Rauner, LLC, a leading Chicago private equity firm. He also served as a senior executive and chief legal officer to two venture-backed companies, Click Commerce, Inc. and PrairieComm, Inc., and as an independent director of two public companies. These experiences enable Mark to counsel public company boards on important governance and transactional matters, as well as lead transactions for the owners and management teams of private companies or the principals of PE funds.

## Recent Experience

ClearCompany Sale to Gemspring Capital Management

Citadel Defense Co.'s Acquisition by BlueHalo

PCMI Corp.'s Sale to Equality Asset Management

## Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*, Illinois, Private Equity: Buyouts (2023)
  - *Chambers USA*, Illinois, Corporate/M&A: Private Equity (2017-2022)
  - *Legal 500 US*, M&A/Corporate and Commercial – M&A: Middle Market (2017)
  - Leading Lawyers Network
    - Closely & Privately Held Business (2009-2018)
    - Corporate Finance (2009-2019)
    - Mergers & Acquisitions (2009-2019)
    - Securities & Venture Finance Law (2019)
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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Mark received his B.A. from Saint Louis University. He earned his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## Related Insights & News

### Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, Chicago M&A Conference, *Transaction Advisors*, March 3, 2016
- “M&A Insights and Trends,” 34th Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate and Securities Law Institute, Northwestern University School of Law, May 2, 2014
- “Preparing for the Spotlight: Increased Scrutiny on the Private Equity Industry and How to Avoid Coming Pitfalls,” ABA Section of Litigation Annual CLE Conference, April 25, 2013

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### RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2023

JUNE 6, 2023

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#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2022

JUNE 3, 2022

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#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2021

MAY 19, 2021

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#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2020

APRIL 23, 2020

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#### **SEMINAR/CLE**

Winston & Strawn, RSM, and the SBIA Co-Host 2019 SBIC Fund Conference

JUNE 17-18, 2019

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#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2019

APRIL 25, 2019

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#### **SEMINAR/CLE**

Winston Hosts Cancer Care Seminar with Roswell Park During JP Morgan Healthcare Conference

JANUARY 8, 2019

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#### **PRO BONO IN ACTION**

Pro Bono Reporter – Fall 2018

FALL 2018

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#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2018

MAY 3, 2018

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#### **PRESS RELEASE**

Winston & Strawn Further Expands Corporate Practice with Addition of Leading Private Equity Group in Chicago

MARCH 5, 2018

# Capabilities

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Transactions

Corporate Governance

Private Equity

Mergers & Acquisitions

Capital Markets

Media & Entertainment

Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Health Care