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## Education

J.D., Georgetown University  
Law Center, 2002

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1995

## Bar Admissions

New York

## Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Herbert J. Hutton,  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Pennsylvania (2002-2003)

Mike Chitwood is a corporate attorney with a practice focused on public and private acquisitions and divestitures, cross-border transactions, private equity transactions, and corporate and securities law matters. He has represented acquirers and targets in a number of U.S. and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, takeovers, re-domiciliation transactions, joint ventures and leveraged buyouts.

Mr. Chitwood also regularly advises clients with respect to corporate governance and compliance matters, SEC reporting obligations, takeover preparedness and general corporate matters.

Mr. Chitwood has represented a diverse range of clients in a broad range of industries, including:

- WeWork Inc. in its \$9 billion business combination with BowX Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company
- GS Acquisition Holdings Corp, a special purpose acquisition company, in its \$5.3 billion initial business combination with Vertiv Holdings LLC, a leading provider of critical diligence infrastructure and continuity solutions
- Osprey Technology Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company, in its pending \$1.1 billion initial business combination with BlackSky Holdings, Inc., a leading geospatial intelligence company
- GX Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company, in its pending \$1.25 billion initial business combination with Celularity Inc., a clinical stage biotechnology company
- Viagogo Entertainment in its pending \$4 billion acquisition of StubHub from eBay
- Becton, Dickinson & Company in:
  - its \$24 billion acquisition of C.R. Bard, Inc.
  - its \$12.2 billion acquisition of CareFusion Corp. (for which Mr. Chitwood was named Dealmaker of the Week by *The American Lawyer*)
  - the separation of its global respiratory business into a new joint venture with Apax Partners
- Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. in:
  - the spin-off of its electronic materials division into a separate public company known as Versum Materials, Inc.
  - the \$3.8 billion sale of its specialty materials division to Evonik
- CapGemini SA in its \$4 billion acquisition of iGate Corporation
- Endo International plc and its predecessor companies in numerous transactions, including in its:
  - \$8.1 billion acquisition of Par Pharmaceutical Holdings, Inc. (for which Mr. Chitwood was named Dealmaker of the Week by *The American Lawyer*)
  - \$1.6 billion acquisition of Paladin Labs through the formation of a new Irish holding company, Endo International plc
  - \$2.9 billion acquisition of American Medical Systems
- Medtronic in the \$487 million sale of its Physio-Control division to affiliates of Bain Capital

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- Amerigroup Corporation in its \$4.9 billion acquisition by WellPoint
  - News Corporation in:
    - partnership with Permira Funds in their \$3.7 billion going-private acquisition of NDS Group plc, as well as NDS Group Ltd. and its owners, Permira Funds and News Corporation, in the subsequent \$5 billion sale of the company to Cisco Systems, Inc.
    - its \$5.6 billion acquisition of Dow Jones, its \$11 billion buyback of its stock from Liberty Media in exchange for cash and assets and its \$11.5 billion proposed, but terminated, acquisition of the remaining public stake in British Sky Broadcasting Group
  - Dow Jones & Company in its \$675 million financial index joint venture with CME Group
  - Pacific Equity Partners Pty Limited in connection with its leveraged acquisition of an 82% stake in The American Stock Transfer & Trust Company for \$1 billion