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Kimberly A. deBeers is head of the M&A/Corporate Group in Skadden's Chicago office and previously served as a member of Skadden's Policy Committee, the firm's highest global governing body. Ms. deBeers has a diverse corporate practice with extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, securities law and general corporate law matters. She regularly represents private equity firms, as well as various private and public corporate clients, on a wide variety of acquisition and sale transactions, leveraged buyouts, capital transactions, carve-outs and various types of recapitalizations and other financing transactions.

Ms. deBeers' representations have included Ion Media Networks, a national broadcaster, in its \$2.6 billion sale to E.W. Scripps; O'Reilly Automotive on various matters, including in its \$850 million acquisition of CSK Auto; the independent directors of Snap One Holdings in its acquisition by Resideo Technologies; Arclin Chemical in its sale to a private equity fund; US Airways in its LaGuardia/Reagan airport asset transaction with Delta Airlines; Huron Consulting Group Inc. in its initial public offerings; Black Diamond in its acquisitions of interests in Empire Generating, GST AutoLeather, White Birch Paper Company and Vertellus Specialties; and the O'Brien family group in its acquisition of control of R. J. O'Brien and Associates. She has also represented ACI Worldwide, Inc., American Airlines, Imaging Advantage LLC, Kraft Foods, Mondelēz and Werner Ladder in various matters.

Ms. deBeers' private equity work has included representing several private equity funds and companies in connection with significant transactions, including Black Diamond Management, BNY Mezzanine Partners, Burke Partners, LP, DE Shaw, Grey Mountain Partners, Goldman Sachs, Lake Capital Partners, Morgan Stanley, MSD Capital, Silver Point Capital, Vernon Partners and Victory Park Capital. In addition, Ms. deBeers has advised management and senior executives of companies in connection with a variety of transactions involving sales or alterations to their company relationship.

Her international transaction experience has included representing, among others, Dayco, LLC, a leading engine products and drive systems supplier for the automotive and after-market industries, in its sale to a private equity firm; Reichhold Chemical in its combination with Polynt Chemical, creating a global chemicals business; GAB Robins in the sale of its international claims management business to Cunningham Lindsey; the combination of LaSalle Partners Incorporated and Jones Lang Wootton in matters throughout Europe, Asia and Australia; various clients in their business expansions around the world; and Inter Retail Holdings in its relationship with Bombay stores during Bombay's bankruptcy proceeding.

Ms. deBeers has been repeatedly selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, as well as recognized as one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Dealmakers in America. She has also been honored as one of *The Deal's* Women in Dealmaking and one of *Crain's Chicago Business's* Notable Women in Law. She has also been recognized as one of the Most Powerful and Influential Women in Illinois by the National Diversity Council and as a BTI Client Service All-Stars by The BTI Consulting Group for providing outstanding client service. In addition, Ms. deBeers speaks annually at the Practising Law Institute on securities issues relating to mergers and acquisitions.