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EXPERTISE

Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Public Companies, Cross-Border Transactions

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2002

Calvin College, B.S., 1998

ADMITTED IN

Colorado

Brian Boonstra serves as the chair of one of the firm's two departments, which focuses on finance, mergers and acquisitions, and transactions, and is a member of the Executive Committee. He advises public and private companies, including private equity funds, on a wide variety of M&A and finance transactions. Mr. Boonstra also represents public companies and their boards of directors on securities disclosure and compliance issues, executive compensation, and general corporate counseling. His clients operate in a variety of industries, such as oil and gas, mining, real estate development, technology, and financial services.

Prior to joining DGS, Mr. Boonstra served as a law clerk for Justice Nancy Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

He currently serves as secretary of the board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado and is a member of the board of directors for Peak to Peak Charter School.

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA*, "Leader in Their Field" Corporate/M&A (Colorado), 2013-2021
- *Chambers USA*, "Leader in Their Field" Natural Resources & Energy (Colorado), 2019-2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Law & Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2019-2022
- *Denver Business Journal*, Who's Who in Energy, 2019
- Colorado Super Lawyer, 2019-2020

- *Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Mergers and Acquisitions, 2013-2016
- M&A Advisor, Emerging Leader, 2016

EXPERIENCE & RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- Represented Kinross Gold Corporation in connection with its acquisition of a 70% interest in the Peak Gold project in Alaska from Royal Gold, Inc. and Contango ORE, Inc.
- Represented a large family office in the sale of a regional provider of waste and recycling services to Waste Connections.
- Represented a private-equity backed oil and gas company in the sale of substantially all of its assets under Section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- Represented a publicly-traded international mining company in the sale of a minority ownership interest to Luxembourg-based investment fund.
- Represented a large family office in its acquisition of a controlling interest in a provider of engineering and construction services to the wireless telecommunications industry.
- Represented Pershing Gold Corporation (PGLC) in its sale to Americas Silver Corporation (USAS).
- Represented Encana Corp. in various transactions, including the sale of oil and gas assets in the Piceance Basin in Northwestern Colorado

(\$735 million), the Denver-Julesburg Basin (\$900 million), and the San Juan Basin.

- Represented a large Denver-based independent energy company in its approximately \$350 million acquisition of operating oil and gas assets in the Permian Basin from a private seller.
- Represented a Texas-based owner of wastewater disposal wells in its sale to a publicly-traded buyer for an excess of \$100 million.
- Represented Earthstone Energy in connection with its business combination with Oak Valley Resources LLC.
- Represented Policy Studies Inc., a government health and human services provider, in connection with its sale to MAXIMUS Inc.
- Represented Gary-Williams Energy Corporation, an independent refining company, in its \$600 million sale of the company to CVR Energy, Inc. (NYSE:CVI).
- Represented Golden Minerals Company (AUMN) in a \$350 million stock and cash “merger of equals” with ECU Silver Mining Inc., a silver mining company with operations in the Velardeña mining district in Mexico.