



## John P. Schmitt

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Jack Schmitt has over three decades of experience as a corporate attorney focusing on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities law, entertainment law and general corporate matters. Mr. Schmitt chaired Patterson Belknap's corporate department from 1995 until 2002 and served as Vice Chair of the Firm from 2002 until 2007.

Mr. Schmitt's clients include Fortune 500 media, information and publishing companies, public and privately held service and manufacturing companies, and prominent entertainers.

### **Representative Matters**

#### ***Fortune 500 Media Company***

Domestic and international acquisitions and joint ventures.

#### ***International News and Business Information Company***

Domestic and international acquisitions.

#### ***Manufacturing Company***

Acquisition of the worldwide consumer products division of a Fortune 500 company including simultaneous closings in the United States and seven foreign jurisdictions.

#### ***National Test Preparation Company***

Initial public offering of \$60 million of common stock. Private placements. Acquisitions.

#### ***Healthcare Publishing Company***

Acquisitions of specialty publishing companies; private placements of equity securities; bank financings.

#### ***Private Equity Group***

Investments and restructurings.

#### ***Manufacturing Company***

Secondary public offerings of \$50 million of common stock. Initial listing of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### ***Venture Capital Firm***

Represent investors in \$50 million private placement of preferred stock of a newly formed internet company.

# Patterson Belknap

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## ***Business Publishing Company***

Acquisition of market data company; sale of magazine publishing company.

## ***Individual Entrepreneur***

Sale of health care information company to a leading private equity firm for \$350 million.

## ***Highly Leveraged Manufacturing Company***

Asset divestitures and acquisitions. Acquisition of stock of public company (including tender offer and merger). Private placements of debt securities. Initial public offering of debt securities. Sale of 100% of the equity of the Company. Refinancing of senior bank debt. General corporate representation.

## ***Manufacturing Company***

Acquisition of approximately \$300 million of assets. Acquisition of stock of public company (including tender offer and merger).

## ***Individual Entertainment Client***

General representation of well-known entertainer including representation in connection with television, motion picture, recording, endorsement and stage contracts.

## **Education**

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 1980)
  - *Fordham Law Review*
- Georgetown University, College of Arts and Sciences (A.B., 1977)

## **Admissions**

- New York

## **Professional Activities**

MEMBERSHIPS: American Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Finance and Investment Committee, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

HONORS: Named in *Super Lawyers* in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions; Recipient of the New York City Bar Justice Center 2010 Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service