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Aaron A. Ghais is a shareholder in the Firm's Business and Financial Services Department. Mr. Ghais represents and advises corporate, private equity, and venture capital clients in connection with a variety of transactional and securities matters, including mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, exchanges, and joint ventures, as well as venture capital financings, securities offerings, debt financings, recapitalizations and other strategic transactions.

He has been involved in all phases of the transaction process, including structuring, negotiation, implementation, and ongoing post-transaction advice. Recent clients include companies in the financial services, media, telecommunications, aerospace, information technology, biotechnology and real estate industries.

In addition to his transactional practice, Mr. Ghais regularly advises clients on a wide range of corporate, securities and other business-related matters. Among other things, he assists start-up companies in connection with their formation and financing and he advises boards of directors on various aspects of corporate governance.

Mr. Ghais spent six years at Sidley Austin, LLP before joining the Firm in 2007. He is a member of the ABA's Section of Business Law and plays an active role in the Section's Committee on Negotiated Acquisitions. He is the author of the article "State Treatment of LLC Interests as Securities", which appeared in the *Journal of Limited Liability Companies*, Spring 1996. From

PRACTICES AREAS

Business and Financial Services
Business Planning
Corporate Finance
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Finance/Capital Markets
Hospitality Law
International Practice
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities
Start-Up Companies

EDUCATION

University of Maryland
School of Law, Baltimore,
Maryland, 1996, J.D.
University of Chicago,
1991, M.A.
University of Maryland,
1989, B.A., *Honors: Cum Laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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1995-1996, Mr. Ghais served as the student Managing Editor of *The Business Lawyer*, a joint publication of the ABA's Section of Business Law and the University of Maryland School of Law.

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