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About Julian

Julian Ciecierski-Burns is a partner in our London Corporate and Private Equity teams. He advises private equity and venture capital investors, corporates and management teams on acquisitions, investments and exits, including management equity and incentive arrangements, with a particular focus on technology, fintech and data-driven businesses.

Because he acts for sponsors and management teams alike, Julian understands how value, governance and incentive terms look from each side of a transaction. He works closely with colleagues across the firm's international offices on cross-border transactions.

"Highly experienced and brilliant both technically and commercially… I felt at all times that we were in the best possible hands professionally. He is incredibly responsive and customer-centric."

— Client, *Legal 500 UK* 2027

Experience

Private Equity, Venture Capital and Management Advisory

- Advised Westcon-Comstor, a global technology distributor, and its parent Datatec (JSE:DTC) on a strategic minority investment by General Atlantic at a US$950 million valuation.
- Acted for MML Capital Partners on its investment in, and exit from, Waystone, a global leader in fund governance and compliance services, and on numerous add-on acquisitions for Waystone. The exit returned 11x.
- Advised Growth Capital Partners on several investments and disposals, including DMW (a specialist IT consultancy group), FlyDocs Systems (a creator of aircraft data software), Cooke Optics (a leading manufacturer of cine lenses) and CloudRock (a global HR and finance digital transformation consultancy and Workday partner).
- Advised Growth Capital Partners and the other sellers of Robiquity (a Manchester-based intelligent automation and robotic process automation (RPA) services provider) on the sale to Avanade.
- Advised Bullhound Capital on its lead investment in the £260 million Series C funding round for Oxford Quantum Circuits, a developer of superconducting quantum computers.
- Advised the senior management team of Anthesis, a leading global sustainability advisory and solutions firm, on the acquisition of a majority stake in the business by Carlyle.
- Advised the senior management team of ERS, a specialist UK insurer, on the simultaneous investment by Aquiline Capital Partners and Abry Partners.
- Advised the senior management team of SoftBox Systems, a leader in temperature-controlled packaging for the life sciences sector, on its sale to CSafe Global, a portfolio company of Frazier Healthcare Partners and Thomas H. Lee Partners.

Strategic and Cross-border M&A

- Acted for Broadridge Financial Solutions (NYSE:BR) on a series of European acquisitions, including Itiviti Holdings (US$2.5 billion, from Nordic Capital), Acolin and Signal Agency.
- Advised the shareholders of KYC360, a provider of know-your-customer (KYC) and anti-money laundering (AML) customer lifecycle management software, on the sale of the company to Experian.
- Advised CloudRock, a Growth Capital Partners portfolio company, on its cross-border acquisition of SuccessDay, a Netherlands-based HRIT and finance advisory and services business.
- Advised on the buyout of HireGenics UK to form Clarity Outsourcing Group, a UK and European workforce solutions provider.

Credentials

Education

- University College London, LL.M., Corporate Law
- Oxford Institute of Legal Practice, Postgraduate Diploma
- University of Sussex, LL.B., European Commercial Law

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2008

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services
- Corporate
- Private Equity
- Technology M&A

About our firm

One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.