

## Mary Shields

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### About Mary

Mary Shields is a senior associate in the Global Corporate Practice Group. Prior to rejoining our London office, Mary worked in our New York and Manchester offices. Her cross-continental experience gives her a unique edge in navigating complex cross-border deals. Clients and colleagues value Mary for her unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit. She is known for her calm composure throughout the deal process, and for providing well-considered legal advice honed through her experience and industry knowledge.

Mary's practice encompasses the full spectrum of corporate law, including UK and international mergers and acquisitions, private equity, investments, group reorganizations and general corporate advice. She works with a diverse range of clients across industries, with a particular focus on advising private equity sponsors and portfolio companies on bolt-on acquisitions and other transactions, as well as management teams and shareholders on sale processes to private equity sponsors.

### Experience

#### **Examples of Advising on Trade Transactions (Including Private Equity-backed Trade)**

- Advising Inragen (backed by FPE Capital) on its acquisition of AspisID.
- Advising Volpi Capital on the acquisition of Grabowsky, through its portfolio company, Xalient.
- Advising CSL, the IoT connectivity provider backed by ECI Partners, on its acquisition of Caburn Telecom.
- Advising the shareholders on the investment in Yuup by Bristol-focused fund, City Funds.
- Advising EDF Energy on the disposal of West Burton B power station to EIG.
- Advising the shareholders on the sale of Lane4, a consultancy business, on the sale to Ernst & Young.
- Advising the shareholders on the sale of Entura, the anti-piracy service provider, to Corsearch.
- Advising EDF Renewables on the acquisition of Pivot Power, the electric vehicle power infrastructure company.

- Advising Coats, the industrial thread and consumer textile crafts business, on its acquisition of ThreadSol.
- Advising Global Brand Investments on the disposal of Galt, the British toy company, to Jumbodiset.
- Advising Omnio, the cloud-based banking and payment services company, on the acquisition of Kesho Systems.
- Advising the shareholders on the sale of CRM Students, the student accommodation provider, to Corestate.
- Advising the shareholders on the disposal of FS Cables to Diploma plc.
- Advising GBG on the acquisition of Loqate (formerly Postcode Anywhere).
- Advising BDP in relation to its £102 million acquisition by Nippon Koei, a company listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

#### **Examples of Cross-border UK/US Trade Transactions (Including Private Equity-backed Trade)**

- Advising Commify (backed by ECI Partners) on its acquisition of US-based Text Request.
- Advising Volpi Capital on the acquisition of US-based Integral Partners through its portfolio company, Xalient.
- Advising US-headquartered Creative Artists Agency (CAA), the entertainment and sports agency, on the disposal of Primary Talent.
- Advising LMAX Group, operator of institutional execution venues for FX and cryptocurrency trading, on the disposal of a 30% stake to J.C. Flowers (a US private equity firm) for US\$300 million.
- Advising NICE, the Nasdaq-listed cloud and on-premises enterprise software solutions provider, on the acquisition of Brand Embassy.
- Advising US-incorporated ICF, the consulting and technology services company, on the acquisition of We Are Vista.
- Advising US-headquartered Molson Coors on the acquisition of Aspall, the premium cyder brand.

#### **Examples of Advising Shareholders and Management Teams on Private Equity Investment**

- Advising the management team of Anthesis on its management buyout backed by Carlyle.
- Advising the shareholders of Prescient Healthcare Group on an investment by Baird Capital and subsequent investment by Bridgepoint.
- Advising the shareholders on the investment in Brainlabs, a digital marketing agency, by Livingbridge.
- Advising the shareholders of Opus Talent Solutions on its buyout backed by funds managed by Graphite Capital.

#### **Examples of Advising Private Equity Sponsors**

- Advising Phoenix on its acquisition of SMH Group, an accounting services firm.
- Advising Renuis Capital Partners on its majority investment in W.H. Scott Group.
- Advising Capital D on the buyout of Phrassee, a generative AI platform for enterprise marketers.
- Advising Tenzing on the buyout of MPLC, the global nontheatrical copyright licensing company.

#### **Secondments**

- Undertook a secondment to EDF Energy Renewables to assist with the sale of its portfolio of 24 UK onshore windfarms to Dalmore Capital and Pensions Infrastructure Platform.
- Undertook a secondment to a Premier League football club, providing assistance on a range of commercial, regulatory and contentious matters.

## Credentials

### Education

- BPP Law School, L.P.C., 2015
- University of Leeds, LL.B. (Hons.), 2014

### Admissions

- England and Wales, 2017
- FLC status admission pending

## Expertise

### Services

- Corporate
- Private Equity

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