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OVERVIEW

Mary Scott Kennedy is a Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions partner in the firm's Corporate practice. She focuses her practice on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, equity financings, and corporate law matters in a variety of industries and sectors.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to her legal career, Mary Scott worked on Capitol Hill. During law school, Mary Scott was a legal intern at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Private Equity Buyouts: Middle-Market (Up to \$500m), 2024-2025
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America for Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2021-2023

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- North Carolina Bar Association (Business Law Section)
- Women's Impact Fund

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, 2014 (*North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*, Note and Comment Editor)
- B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2010

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 20 March 2020, COVID-19: Implications on M&A Transactions

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“Navigating the evolving private equity landscape: Trends, challenges, and strategic insights with K&L Gates partners,”](#) *Boston Business Journal*, 1 May 2025
- Australia's Tobacco Plain Packaging Act: Convergence of Public Health and Global Trade, 39 N.C. J. Int'l L. & Com. Reg. 591 (2014).

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 May 2025, K&L Gates Assists Daily Harvest in its Acquisition by Chobani
- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 16 November 2018, K&L Gates Advises II-VI Incorporated on US\$3.2 Billion Acquisition Agreement with Finisar Corporation
- 6 October 2017, K&L Gates Advises Ridgmont Equity Partners on Acquisition of Tech-Enabled Medical Products Distributor

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, “Falfurrias Capital Backs Media Agency Brainlabs,” *The Deal*, 19 September 2023

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Life Sciences
- Private Equity