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Sarah Leiper-Jennings is an English qualified of counsel in the London office of Gibson Dunn. She is a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity and Capital Markets Practice Groups.

Sarah has extensive experience advising corporates, private equity funds and investment banks on a broad range of corporate transactional matters, including public and private M&A, joint ventures, IPOs and secondary offerings.

Sarah is recognised as a key lawyer in the 2025 and 2026 editions of *The Legal 500 UK* for M&A: Upper Mid-Market and Premium Deals, where she is described as having "the right mix of deep legal expertise and practical, solution-focused thinking", and being "extremely approachable and responsive, and happy to deliver at pace". She is also recognised as a key lawyer in the 2022, 2025 and 2026 editions of *The Legal 500* for Equity Capital Markets and as "One to Watch" for Capital Markets Law in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom.

Sarah spent 12 months on secondment to Apollo Global Management and 18 months on secondment to Gibson Dunn's New York Office.

Sarah is an executive committee member of Gibson Dunn's London Office Diversity, Talent and Inclusion Committee, where she co-chairs the gender and family sub-groups.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Sarah was an associate in the Corporate team at the London office of another major international law firm, where she completed secondments to the firm's Dubai office and to GE Capital.

Selected M&A experience includes advising:

- Otro Capital and its partner RedBird Capital on their investment in Alpine Racing
- AO World plc on its take private of musicMagpie plc
- Elliott Investment Management L.P. and its affiliate, Evergreen Coast Capital Corporation on the acquisition of Nielsen Holdings plc
- OceanSound Partners on the acquisition of SMX
- Lupa Systems (James Murdoch's family office) on the acquisition of majority control of the parent company of the Tribeca Film Festival
- THG on various pre-IPO issuances to BlackRock, Merian and Sofina
- Terra Firma on the disposal of Odeon and UCI Cinemas Group to AMC Entertainment Holdings
- Platinum Equity on its acquisition of Euro Parking Collection

Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions

Business Restructuring and Reorganization

Capital Markets

Private Equity

Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

Credentials

Education

University of Cambridge - 2013 Master of Arts

University of Law - London Moorgate - 2011 Legal Practice Course

Admissions

England & Wales - Solicitor

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- The Stars Group on its acquisition of Sky Betting and Gaming from CVC, Sky and management
- William Hill plc on its investment in NeoGames

Selected capital markets experience includes advising:

- the underwriters on THG’s £5.4 billion London listing and IPO
- AO World plc on its capital raise by way of cash box placing
- Forterra plc on its £400 million London listing and IPO
- the underwriters on J2 Acquisition’s $1.12 billion London listing and IPO
- the underwriters on Ocelot’s $425 million London listing and IPO

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