

Webcast: M&A Hot Topics 2022

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With the backdrop of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and high M&A volume, 2021 presented new issues for dealmakers. Hear from seasoned practitioners on how deals are getting done and the issues being confronted. This discussion covers various M&A-related topics, including the following: • Key deal issues to navigate in light of increased antitrust regulatory scrutiny; • Limitations on liability for fraud; • Clauses to include in deal documents to avoid pitfalls; and • Current state of play for SPAC transactions, and forecasts for the future.

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