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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. McHale brings to clients over three decades of business transactional experience, representing privately-held and public companies, established businesses and startups, throughout their business lifecycles. Mr. McHale's legal experience includes formations; capital raising, including equity and debt offerings and investments; joint ventures and strategic relationships; commercial and technology transactions; mergers and acquisitions; exit transactions and ownership transitions; going public transactions (IPO and SPAC); and pre-litigation dispute resolution.

Previously in his career, Mr. McHale was a shareholder at a boutique law firm in Southern California with a focus on representation of media, communications, and entertainment companies, including leading companies in the independent motion picture industry. His practice included acting as outside securities and M&A counsel to several NYSE, NASDAQ and over-the-counter publicly held companies.

In recent years, Mr. McHale has represented companies across a wide range of industries including software and other technology companies, assisting clients in navigating the rapidly expanding legal and regulatory terrain for new and developing technologies.

Professional Experience

1. Brown & Streza LLP, Irvine, California: Attorney, 2022 - 2024
2. Law Office of John R. McHale, Los Angeles, California: Owner, 2002 - 2022
3. Gipson Hoffman & Pancione P.C., Los Angeles, California: Shareholder, 1987 - 2000
4. Morgan Lewis, Los Angeles, California: Associate, 1985 - 1987

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Representative Matters

- Represented an EDA (electronic design automation) software company in its acquisition of the assets of another software business and in the later sale of the combined entity to a Fortune 500 company.
- Represented a communications firm in the succession planning of its co-owners, including the transition of ownership to the firm's employees.
- Represented a precision manufacturer in a cross-border sale to a private equity firm.
- Represented a well-known U.S. entertainment personality in a series of endorsement agreements with various technology startups, including the acquisition of equity interests in those companies.

BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1985
A.B., with Distinction, Economics, Stanford University, 1982