



## **JOHN R. MCHALE**

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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