

# Transactional Liability Insurance Roundtable

## Moderators



**Joseph Castelluccio**

*Partner, New York*

Joseph ("Joe") Castelluccio is a partner and member of the Firm's Corporate & Securities practice. He focuses his practice on complex, cross-border M&A transactions, joint ventures, equity financings and other corporate matters for US and multinational companies. As a former investment banker and finance professional, Joe helps clients balance risks and opportunities in a broad array of business transactions with a combination of legal acumen and business experience. Joe's M&A, joint venture and other corporate work includes deep experience on cross-border transactions for companies in a diverse group of industries, including technology, asset management, insurance, transportation and infrastructure, among others. In addition, Joe is the co-leader of Mayer Brown's transactional liability insurance practice. In this capacity, he draws on his M&A experience in representing underwriters in issuing representations and warranties insurance and other types of transactional insurance in connection with M&A deals.



**William Kucera**

*Partner, Chicago*

William ("Bill") Kucera is co-chair of Mayer Brown's M&A practice in the Americas. He concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions. He represents buyers and sellers in connection with stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, public and private mergers, tender and exchange offers, joint ventures and venture capital and other private equity investments. He represents companies in connection with corporate governance and defensive measures, including shareholder rights plans and related matters. Drawing on his experience as active M&A practitioner, Bill also co-leads Mayer Brown's practice representing underwriters in issuing representation and warranty insurance and other types of transactional insurance in connection with M&A deals and has emerged as a leading expert in this rapidly growing area.

## Speakers



**Robert Harrell**

*Partner, Houston*

Robert ("Bob") Harrell is a partner and member of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice. He has a broad business litigation practice, having handled shareholder and other corporate disputes; class actions; complex insurance coverage issues; RICO claims; technology litigation; breaches of contract; violations of fiduciary and other professional duties; and other types of commercial disputes. Among these are claims arising under Transactional Liability Insurance Policies. He has been ranked in *The Legal 500 US*, and is currently designated in Benchmark Litigation, Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America. Bob has tried more than 50 cases to verdict or judgment in federal and state courts and before arbitration panels, gaining him entrance into the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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## Zal Kumar

*Partner, New York*

Zal Kumar is a partner in Mayer Brown's New York office and a member of the State & Local Tax (SALT) practice. He provides both transactional tax planning advice and tax controversy assistance. His clients include asset managers, commercial and investment banks, broker-dealers, utility companies, e-commerce companies, manufacturers, and high-net-worth individuals, including executives and investment professionals. In this capacity, Zal has counseled on complex tax audits and appeals, false claims act investigations, M&A transactions, business reorganizations, business relocations, investment fund formation and operation, real estate transactions, securities transactions, lending and leasing transactions, entering and expanding in US markets, and state tax planning strategies.



## Vivek Mohan

*Partner, Palo Alto*

Vivek Mohan, a partner in Mayer Brown's Cybersecurity & Data Privacy practice in Northern California, advises clients across industry sectors on legal, regulatory, compliance, and policy issues on a global scale. His practice, focused on privacy and security, spans counseling, transactions, and advocacy, allowing him to provide clients with strategic advice whether they are setting up a privacy program, responding to a data breach, or selling the company. Vivek joined Mayer Brown from Apple Inc., where he was a senior attorney on the Global Privacy Law & Policy team. At Apple, his responsibilities included privacy and security counseling for the company's product and services and serving as Head of Information Security Law.



## Christopher Odell

*Senior Associate, Chicago*

Christopher ("Chris") Odell is a senior associate and a member of the Tax Transactions & Consulting practice. Chris represents clients on a wide range of tax matters, including planning the tax aspects of taxable and tax-free mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other restructuring transactions. As a member of the Firm's Fund Formation & Investment Management practice, Chris also regularly represents fund sponsors in all aspects of the structuring and operation of private investment funds, including the operation of partnerships, limited liability companies and real estate investment trusts (REITs) and foreign investment in the United States under FIRPTA. In addition, Chris advises underwriters on the tax aspects of issuing representation and warranty insurance and other types of transactional insurance in connection with M&A deals.