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OVERVIEW

Maria guides companies through the transactions that move their businesses forward—from acquisitions and divestitures to equity raises, restructurings, and strategic partnerships. Clients rely on her for clear, practical counsel that helps them manage risk, seize opportunity, and execute with confidence at every stage of the deal lifecycle.

Companies turn to Maria for counsel with transactions that position them for growth, investment, and successful exits. She represents buyers and sellers in asset and equity transactions across a broad range of industries, frequently advising life sciences companies—including medical technology and biotechnology startups—on building the corporate, financing, and governance foundations that attract capital and support long-term success. She also advises established companies, private equity and venture capital investors, and clients in the higher education and manufacturing sectors on transactions ranging from the lower middle market to deals valued in the hundreds of millions.

Maria approaches every engagement with a business-first mindset. She quickly assesses where a matter stands, clarifies the client's objectives, and develops a focused strategy that balances immediate priorities with long-term plans. Drawing on her MBA, she is a trusted adviser who evaluates not only the legal framework but also the operational, financial, and organizational impact of each choice, delivering practical

Industries

Education
Healthcare
Life Sciences

Services

Capital Markets
Corporate
Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
Higher Education
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Securities & Corporate Governance

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solutions that help clients understand their options and act decisively. Organized, detail-oriented, and responsive, Maria builds lasting relationships, ensuring clients always feel supported.

Experience

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS – BUY-SIDE

- Represented buyer and managed due diligence in $170 million cross-border acquisition of an Australian company with subsidiaries in the U.S., South America, Canada, China, and South Africa.
- Represented hospitality company in the acquisition and ongoing operation of boutique motels across Colorado.
- Represented private equity sponsor in the $110 million acquisition of a leading designer and manufacturer of extraction pumps and landfill accessory products.
- Led the transaction team in the acquisition by one institution of higher education of another to operate as a subsidiary, managing the transaction from due diligence through U.S. Department of Education and other regulatory approvals, including education, corporate, intellectual property, real estate, tax, environmental, and immigration aspects, as well as ongoing compliance matters.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS – SELL-SIDE/DIVESTITURES

- Represented private equity group in the $175 million sale of a company specializing in leasing and selling airport support and maintenance equipment.
- Represented seller in $145 million sale of a material handling solutions manufacturer to a private equity buyer.
- Represented seller in the $65 million sale of an orthopedic surgery provider network, including the creation of a management services organization and joint venture with a public medical services organization.
- Represented private equity group in the $58 million sale of a manufacturer of high-speed packaging machinery and integrated systems solutions.

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Experience

- Represented seller in the $44 million sale of a communications and construction company.
- Represented seller in the $16 million sale of a medical storage equipment company.
- Represented seller in the $16 million sale of an online learning company to an education and behavioral health services platform.
- Represented seller in the $13 million sale of a SaaS company.
- Represented investment consulting services firm with more than $290 million in assets under advisement in its sale to a leading national financial services firm.
- Represented biotechnology company in the sale of its intellectual property portfolio to a European biopharmaceutical company.

VENTURE CAPITAL & GROWTH EQUITY

- Represented medical device company in $32 million combined Series B-1 and B-2 preferred equity financing.
- Served as outside counsel to a privately held orthopedics company in multiple venture capital and strategic equity investment transactions.
- Served as counsel to NUSO, an omnichannel provider of cloud communications and collaboration solutions, in negotiating a strategic partnership with McCarthy Capital to accelerate growth.
- Represented venture capital group in investments in various digital health and healthcare companies.

FUND FORMATION

- Represented angel investment group in the formation, structuring, and funding of multiple investment vehicles.

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Experience

PUBLIC FINANCE

- Represented issuers and underwriters in public finance transactions totaling more than $1 billion.

EMERGING COMPANIES & OUTSIDE GENERAL COUNSEL

- Advised, as outside general counsel, various startup organizations and solo entrepreneurs on corporate structuring and restructuring, entity formation, capital raising strategies (including private offerings and private lending), day-to-day legal matters, and succession planning.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
    - Corporate Law, 2026 and 2027

Education

- J.D., University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- M.B.A., University of Denver Daniels College of Business
- B.A., University of Michigan

Admissions

- Colorado
- Texas

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