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Thomas Kesler advises public and private telecommunications, consumer products, building materials, health, and technology clients in a broad range of corporate transactions, including U.S. and international mergers and acquisitions; joint ventures and strategic alliances; private equity and venture capital investments; corporate governance; and other business transactions.

Concentrating his practice on the structuring, negotiating, and executing of mergers and acquisitions and other control transactions, Thomas has significant experience in the telecommunications, health and life sciences, retail and consumer goods, and technology industries. He works with clients to find the most efficient and tailored solutions to acquisition-related issues. Thomas's telecommunications practice includes the routine representation of one of the world's largest telecommunications companies in domestic and international mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. He also frequently advises clients on issues relating to non-transactional matters, including general corporate matters, governance, and legal compliance.

Thomas was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2024 and 2025 for Mergers and Acquisitions Law and again in 2026 and 2027 for Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law. He was recommended in 2018, 2019, and 2020 by *Legal 500 US* for Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions.

Experience

Represented Floor & Decor in the acquisition of Spartan Surfaces, a leading end-to-end commercial flooring specifying and distribution company headquartered in Bel Air, Maryland.

Represented AT&T in the acquisition of AlienVault, an innovative technology and security company. This acquisition enables AT&T to expand its enterprise-grade security solutions portfolio and offerings to millions of

small and medium-sized businesses and accelerate AT&T's vision of enabling organizations of all sizes with effective cybersecurity solutions.

Represented Equifax Inc. in its acquisition of Forseva, LLC, a Chicago based leading provider of end-to-end, cloud-based credit and collections management solutions.

Represented AT&T in connection with an exchange transaction with Verizon Wireless in which Verizon transferred cellular licenses, network facilities, subscribers, and other assets in Vermont, New York and Washington to AT&T in exchange for similar assets in Kentucky, cash and other consideration.

Represented AT&T Inc. in the $235 million sale of its sales, marketing, and publishing business unit to a portfolio company of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe.

Education

University of Florida B.S.B.A. Finance

University of Florida College of Law J.D. *cum laude*

Admissions

Georgia

Professional & Community Activities

State Bar of Georgia, Business Law Section

Leadership Buckhead, Member

Atlanta Community ToolBank, Former Vice President of the Board of Directors

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