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Steve Camahort is a partner in the Private Equity and Mergers & Acquisitions practices at Paul Hastings, based in the firm's San Francisco office. Mr. Camahort has extensive experience in M&A and related corporate governance issues. He has worked for corporate clients, private equity funds, and financial advisors in negotiated and hostile transactions, with a particular emphasis on the technology and life science sectors. In the 2019 edition of *Chambers Global*, sources say, "He is very creative, especially calm and always focused on the business goals of a transaction."

Recent Representations

Includes representation of:

Corporate Clients:

- Agile Software in its sale to Oracle
- BARRX Medical in its sale to Covidien Ltd.
- Basic Chemical Solutions in its sale to Univar
- Catalyst Semiconductor in its sale to ON Semiconductor
- Coldwater Creek in its exploration of strategic alternatives and subsequent liquidation through a Chapter 11 process
- Cotherix in its sale to Actelion
- DeepMind Technologies in its sale to Google
- Harmonic in its acquisition of Thomson Video Networks
- Hyperion Therapeutics in its sale to Horizon Pharma
- Informatica in its acquisition of Data Scout
- Integrated DNA Technologies in its sale to Danaher
- Intenia International in its merger with Lawson Software
- Mitek Systems in connection with a public unsolicited proposal from ASG Technologies, a portfolio company of Elliott Management, and associated shareholders activism by Elliott
- Napster in its sale to Best Buy

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Practice Areas

Artificial Intelligence
Mergers and Acquisitions
Technology
Private Equity
Corporate
Life Sciences and Healthcare

Admissions

California Bar
New York Bar

Education

Cornell University, M.S. 1986
University of California,
Berkeley, School of Law, J.D.
1989
University of California, Santa
Barbara, B.S. 1983

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- Microsemi in its acquisitions of PowerDsine Ltd. and the telecom clock generation, synchronization packet timing, and synthesis business of Maxim Integrated products
- Nokia Siemens Networks in its acquisition of Atrica
- PrimeSense in its sale to Apple
- Ramtron in its sale to Cypress Semiconductor
- Salesforce.com in numerous transactions, including its acquisition of Demandware and its proposed acquisition of LinkedIn
- Sandisk in its acquisition of M-Sys-tems, Ltd.
- Silicon Storage (Strategic Committee) in the proposed sale of Silicon Storage to an affiliate of private equity firm prophet equity and members of management (terminated) and in its subsequent sale to Microchip Technology
- Sirna Therapeutics in its sale to Merck
- TIBCO Software in its acquisitions of Orchestra Networks and Maporama
- Trend Micro in its acquisition of HP's Tipping Point business
- Twitter in its acquisition of Dasient
- Verigy Ltd. in its spin-off from Agilent Technologies
- Vicuron Pharmaceuticals in its sale to Pfizer
- Visa in numerous transactions, including its acquisition of PlaySpan
- Western Digital in its acquisitions of Komag, sTec, and Virident
- Zillow in its acquisition of Trulia

Private Equity Clients:

- Bedford Funding in its sale of PeopleFluent to Learning Technologies Group and its acquisitions of SocialText and KZO Innovations
- Francisco Partners in numerous transactions including its acquisitions of Frontrange Limited, Redprairie, and Lynx Medical Systems, its dispositions of Red Prairie and Attenti Holdings and the merger of its portfolio company GXSHolding with Inovis International and the sale of GXSHolding to OpenText
- Symphony Technology Group in numerous transactions, including: its acquisitions of the LexisNexis screening business (from Reed Elsevier), Source Healthcare Analytics (from Wolters Kluwer), Shopzilla (from Scripps Interactive Networks), AFS Technologies, IBS AB, First Advantage (from Corelogic), MSC Software Corporation, the Capital Markets Company, the Netik division of the Bank of New York Mellon and Winshuttle Holdings; its dispositions of Capco to Fidelity National Information Services, CoreOne to Markit, Symphony Teleca to Harman International and MSC Software to Hexagon AB; and numerous add-on acquisitions and divisional sales for portfolio companies, including Connexity, CoreOne, Dodge Data, First Advantage, Ventiv Technology and Winshuttle
- Vector Capital in numerous transactions: including its acquisitions of Aspect

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Software, Saba Software, Host Analytics, ChyronHego, Allegro Systems, RAE Systems, Trafficmaster plc, Aladdin Knowledge Systems Ltd, Safenet, Printronix and Register.com; its dispositions of Teletrac to Danaher, RAE Systems to Honeywell, the Government Solutions Business of its portfolio company Safenet to Raytheon, Register.com to Web.com, and SafeNet to Gemplus; and numerous add-on acquisitions for portfolio companies, including Allegro, Cheetah Digital, ChyronHego, and Saba Software

Investment Banking Clients:

- Goldman Sachs in numerous transactions including Qualcomm's defense against Broadcom's unsolicited proposal, Amazon.com/Whole Foods Market, Juul/Altria, Twilio/Sendgrid, Cisco/Duo Security, Palo Alto Networks/Evident.io, SAP/Callidus Software, Hewlett Packard Enterprise/Micro Focus International (disposition of software assets by means of Reverse Morris Trust transaction), Thermo-Fisher/FEI, LamResearch/KLA Tencor, Western Digital/SanDisk, Yodlee/Envestment, SanDisk/Fusion-io, TriQuint/RF Micro Devices, Tellabs/Marlin Equity, Volterra/Maxim Integrated Products, Millennial Media/JumpTap, Palm/Hewlett-Packard, Actel/Microsemi, Adobe/Omniture, Wind River/Intel, SiRF Technology/CSR plc, InterVoice/Convergys, Tektronix/Danaher, WebEx/Cisco, Gateway/Acer, and Visual Sciences/Omniture
- Qatalyst Partners in numerous transactions including MINDBODY/Vista Equity Partners, Microsemi/Microchip Technology, InvenSense/TKD, Microchip/Atmel, HomeAway/Priceline, Xoom/Paypal, Informatica/Permira, Aruba Networks/IAP, Advent Software/SS&C Technologies, Cypress/Spansion, Concur/SAP, OpenTable/Priceline, LSI/Avago, Taleo/Oracle, NetLogic/Broadcom, National Semiconductor/Texas Instruments, 3Par/Hewlett-Packard, and NetApp/EMC
- BofA Merrill Lynch in numerous transactions including Hutchinson Technology/TKD, Cisco Systems/Acano PLC, DG/Extreme Reach, Cisco/Meraki, Cascade/Toyota Industries, and Novellus/Lam Research
- Barclays Capital, Credit Suisse, DBO Partners, Deutsche Bank Securities, J.P. Morgan Securities, Morgan Stanley, Perella Weinberg Partners, Thomas Weisel Partners, UBS, and other investment banks in their role as financial advisor

Accolades and Recognitions

Mr. Camahort has been cited in numerous guides to leading M&A practitioners, such as *Chambers Global Guide to The World's Leading Lawyers*, the Best Lawyers in America (including as 2018 and 2014 Lawyer of the Year (M&A - San Francisco)), the *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*, *Northern California Super Lawyers* magazine, *The International Who's Who of Mergers & Acquisition Lawyers*, *The Legal Media Group Guide to the World's*

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Leading M&A Lawyers, the PLC Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions Handbook, and Who's Who Legal – California.

Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law, J.D., 1989
- Cornell University, M.S. Physics, 1986
- University of California, Santa Barbara, B.S. Physics (with high honors), 1983

News

May 01, 2019

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019

February 22, 2019

Paul Hastings Continues Corporate Growth Hot Streak, Adding Top Tech M&A Team in Silicon Valley

January 02, 2019

Vector Capital to Acquire Aspect Software

December 06, 2018

TIBCO Acquires Orchestra Network

October 03, 2018

Saba Software, a Portfolio Company of Vector Capital, to Acquire Lumesse

May 11, 2018

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2018

March 09, 2018

Danaher to Acquire Integrated DNA Technologies

June 16, 2017

Goldman Sachs Serves as Financial Advisor to Amazon on \$13.7 billion Whole Foods Market Acquisition

June 05, 2017

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA

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2017

May 30, 2017

Vector Capital to Acquire Sandvine Corporation

February 27, 2017

Saba Software and Vector Capital to Acquire Halogen Software

February 03, 2017

MSC Software To Be Acquired by Hexagon for \$834 Million

September 08, 2016

Hewlett Packard Enterprise Announces \$8.8 Billion Spin-Off and Merger of Non-Core Software Assets with Micro Focus International

July 05, 2016

High-Profile M&A/Private Equity Team Joins Paul Hastings in San Francisco

Insights

October 03, 2018

Delaware Court Finds “Material Adverse Change” Permitted Merger Termination

Rankings & Awards

April 26, 2019

Recognized by Chambers USA 2019

February 14, 2019

Recognized by Chambers Global 2019

May 15, 2018

Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

August 01, 2017

Best Lawyers in America - 2018 Lawyer of the Year (M&A - San Francisco)

June 05, 2017

Recognized by Chambers USA 2017

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August 01, 2013

Best Lawyers in America - 2014 Lawyer of the Year (M&A - San Francisco)