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William Simpson is a partner in the Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions practices of Paul Hastings. He focuses his practice on private equity, mergers and acquisitions and venture capital. He regularly represents funds, owners and management groups in private equity transactions and he represents approximately 30 private equity backed companies and a dozen private equity sponsors. He has handled approximately 300 significant mergers and acquisitions during his career. Mr. Simpson formerly served as chair of the firm's Global Private Equity practice group, chair of the firm's Orange County Office, and chair of the Business and Corporate Law Section of the Orange County Bar Association.

Accolades and Recognitions

- Recognized numerous times in Chambers USA – “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business” as a leading California private equity lawyer
- Best Lawyers in America, including named as 2017 and 2019 Orange County Corporate Lawyer of the Year
- Recognized in The Los Angeles Times “Southern California’s Best Lawyers”
- Named as a Top 50 Orange County “Super Lawyer” by Law and Politics Magazine.
- Listed as a Leading Lawyer by IFLR1000

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.
- University of Virginia, B.A., (with high distinction)

News

May 11, 2018

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

Orange County

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Practice Areas

Private Equity
Mergers and Acquisitions

Admissions

California Bar

Education

University of Virginia, B.A.
1976
University of Virginia, School
of Law, J.D. 1979

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June 05, 2017

OpenText to Acquire Covisint Corporation

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2017

September 09, 2016

Paul Hastings Represents Solaray, LLC in Investment by Aurora Capital Group

July 29, 2016

Compass Diversified Holdings Acquires 5.11 Tactical®

June 08, 2016

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA
2016

May 20, 2016

GI Partners Invests in Far Niente Wine Estates

March 23, 2016

GI Partners to Acquire Netsmart

June 23, 2015

Paul Hastings Named Legal 500 United States Private Equity Buyouts Team of
the Year

May 20, 2015

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2015

December 12, 2014

Paul Hastings Represented Inverness Graham in the Sale of RacoWireless

November 05, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises GI Partners in Acquisition of Kellermeyer Bergensons
Services

July 18, 2014

Paul Hastings Represents GI Partners in Acquisition and Financing of Peak 10

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May 27, 2014

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2014

April 01, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises Nobels Worldwide in Sale

August 20, 2013

Paul Hastings Represents Fox Factory Holdings in IPO on Nasdaq

June 05, 2013

Paul Hastings Extensive Practice Strength Highlighted in The Legal 500 United States 2013

May 27, 2013

Paul Hastings Employment Practice Honored with Chambers "Award for Excellence" and Firms Leading Practices and Lawyers Ranked in Chambers USA 2013

March 13, 2013

Paul Hastings Represents Lodging Enterprises in the Sale of its Business to Canadian REIT

October 29, 2012

Paul Hastings Represents Miro Holdings in Sale to The Boeing Company

September 06, 2012

Paul Hastings Represents GI Partners in Sale of PC Helps to Baird Capital Partners

June 07, 2012

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2012 Guide

April 17, 2012

Paul Hastings Advises SRS Labs, Inc. in its \$148M Sale To DTS, Inc.

March 26, 2012

Paul Hastings Represents Cetero Research in Bankruptcy Restructuring

January 13, 2012

Paul Hastings Represents GI Partners in Waypoint Real Estate Investment

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December 13, 2011

Paul Hastings Advises Boot Barn In Sale By Marwit Capital

November 21, 2011

Paul Hastings Representing Fitness International In Acquisition of 171 Bally Total Fitness Clubs

September 28, 2011

Paul Hastings Represents Telx in its Sale to ABRY Partners and Berkshire Partners

August 08, 2011

Paul Hastings Represents Telx in its Sale To ABRY Partners and Berkshire Partners

August 02, 2011

Paul Hastings Advising American Access Care in its \$385 Million Sale to Fresenius Medical Care

June 10, 2011

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2011 Guide

June 01, 2011

Paul Hastings Soars in 2011 Edition of Legal 500 US

August 16, 2010

Best Lawyers Names 91 Lawyers to 2011 Edition of Rankings

June 14, 2010

Paul Hastings Garners Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2010 Guide

June 07, 2010

Paul Hastings Excels in 2010 Edition of Legal 500 US

Rankings & Awards

May 15, 2018

Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

June 05, 2017

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Recognized by Chambers USA 2017

June 08, 2016

Recognized by Chambers USA 2016

April 28, 2011

Association for Corporate Growth