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Our celebration of the prime examples of legal excellence will take place as part of our 11th annual Leaders in Law Awards virtual event on November 17th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The event will honor the accomplishments and significant roles that in-house counsel professionals play in the success of business enterprises around the region and will also recognize the achievements of leading attorneys and firms who make a significant impact on the Los Angeles business community.

Attorneys who specialize in litigation, real estate, IP, labor & employment, bankruptcy and corporate excellence in general will be honored, as will in-house counsel professionals from organizations of various sizes and industries.

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Navigating SPAC Risks During Heightened SEC Scrutiny

By PERRIE M. WEINER and DESIRÉE HUNTER-REAY

Over the last twelve months, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has bolstered oversight of special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) in response to shareholder allegations of fraud, conflicts of interest, and inadequate disclosures relating to de-SPAC M & A transactions.

For example, in an aggressive and ground-breaking decision, the SEC somewhat recently announced enforcement actions against a SPAC, its sponsor and CEO, and the target company and its former CEO before a shareholder vote on the merger. The enforcement action arose from allegations that the proposed target company misrepresented material facts and omitted or made misstatements in its public disclosures to the SEC and proxy materials intended for investors, in violation of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

Securities class action lawsuits targeting SPACs have also increased. This year, 25 lawsuits have been filed, a substantial increase compared to the 10 suits that were filed in 2019 and 2020 combined. Yet, despite the SEC’s heightened scrutiny and the unprecedented uptick in securities class action lawsuits, SPACs remain an attractive option for investors and those hoping to take their companies public.

"Securities class action lawsuits targeting SPACs have also increased."

Indeed, even former President Donald Trump has joined the SPAC craze. The former president recently completed a de-SPAC transaction with Digital World Acquisition Corp., a SPAC, to bring his social platform Trump Media & Technology Group public. Former President Trump’s announcement came just days after the SEC urged SPACs to disclose conflicts of interest, again signalling the Commission’s intent to regulate the SPAC world.

Clearly, the heightened risk of SEC scrutiny and securities lawsuits have not deterred market participants from engaging in SPAC transactions. Just recently, NBA star Kevin Durant announced his intent to launch a $200 million blank-check company, making him the latest celebrity to get in on the SPAC craze. Given the SEC’s continued scrutiny, it is imperative that SPACs, their sponsors, and target companies implement measures to reduce the risk of litigation and avoid SEC scrutiny. Market participants should consider the following preventive measures:

Preventive measures:

- Litigation Preparation. To limit litigation risks, market participants should ask experienced litigation counsel, rather than relying solely on their usual corporate counsel, for input on the documents being prepared, relied upon, and disseminated. Litigation counsel should also weigh in on the recommended strategic approach in managing litigation risk, and can also provide input on insider trading risks that the post-merger company may face.

- Conflicts. SPACs must consider all potential conflicts of interests and whether their public disclosures adequately disclose them. SPACs must be particularly cognizant of conflicts with the ultimate de-SPAC M&A targets and misaligned incentives with sponsors that are more keen on completing the merger (especially if they are bumping up against the two-year statutory time frame) than conducting adequate due diligence. SPACs should also always maintain adequate directors and officers insurance to protect high-level sponsors should any issues arise.

- Due Diligence. SPAC sponsors should hire reputable third-party investigators and top-notch audit firms and use extreme caution when relying on unverified statements from proposed merger targets. They should document all diligence efforts undertaken in connection with mergers and err on the side of more comprehensive disclosures.

- Accounting. SPACs must prepare their internal accounting controls, so that the post-merger publicly-traded company will meet the SEC’s reporting demands. Sponsors should engage in a documented, critical review and ensure that financial projections are based on reasonable grounds and not unsupported opinions. Sponsors should also consider hiring outside financial advisors to determine whether such projections are sound. A reputable accounting firm may also provide value by addressing concerns from both the market and regulators on target companies’ accounting integrity and governance weaknesses.

- Fairness Opinions. SPACs should hire reputable third-parties to prepare fairness opinions to mitigate litigation risk and evidence proper due diligence. Fairness opinions also provide value to shareholders as an indication of the quality of the proposed transaction. A diligently prepared fairness opinion may offer value to a SPAC’s board, which may then rely on it to demonstrate that the board complied with its duty of care.

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By following these measures, market participants can avoid or, at the very least, minimize the chances of facing an adverse outcome of SEC investigations and/or enforcement actions and related follow-on or concurrent securities class actions and/or shareholder derivative actions.

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**State Bar Board of Trustees Aims to Improve Discipline System**

At its meeting in July, the State Bar Board of Trustees took significant steps to strengthen the discipline system, establishing a special committee—the Committee on the Special Discipline Case Audit—to propose a comprehensive corrective action plan. The Board also directed this new committee, chaired by Trustee José Cárdenas, to work with staff to develop recommendations to strengthen regulation of attorney client trust accounts.

“The Board’s actions demonstrate resolve to identify and remedy shortcomings in our discipline system that impact the State Bar’s ability to carry out its public protection mission,” said Board Chair Sean SeLegue. “That includes not only ensuring that attorney ethical violations are properly investigated and prosecuted but also innovative means of preventing misconduct and harm to the public from occurring in the first place.”

Recommendations to be considered for regulation of client trust accounts to prevent missappropriation include:

- Conducting proactive, random audits of attorney client trust accounts;
- Requiring some or all attorneys to have their trust accounts regularly audited by Certified Public Accountants;
- Requiring annual self-funded audits and reporting of trust account activity;
- Requiring bonding or the use of third-party escrow accounts for some or all attorneys;
- Proposing new and amended statutes, State Bar rules, rules of professional conduct, and other rules governing attorney conduct as well as standards governing discipline for client trust account violations; and
- Assessing technology and other tools that can be employed in this effort.

Such changes would be groundbreaking and put California in the forefront of protecting funds that attorneys hold in trust on behalf of clients and others. The Board expects to finalize a set of approved recommendations for public comment no later than December 31, 2021. In other actions at the July meeting focused on the discipline system, the Board:

- Approved a five-year plan to develop preventative education for attorneys that will include interactive e-learning courses and self-assessments. Proactive approaches to help prevent attorney misconduct represent a growing area of focus for the State Bar, particularly as it also works to eliminate racial disparities in discipline. The first such course and self-assessment, scheduled to launch by the end of this year, will be on client trust accounting practices.
- Directed staff to work with the Legislature to modify and modernize the existing statutory backlog standard with improved case processing standards. The longstanding statutory definition of the State Bar’s disciplinary case backlog—the number of cases as of December 31 each year that were pending beyond six months after receipt—does not account for variations in case types or complexity. The State Auditor’s April 2021 report on the State Bar recommended that the backlog standard be revisited to improve how the agency is measured and how resources are allocated.
- Approved circulation for a 45-day public comment period amendments to Rule 2201 of the Rules of the State Bar. The rule addresses the recusal of the chief trial counsel in discipline cases involving individuals with close ties to the State Bar. The amendments are designed to further improve oversight and integrity of the Rule 2201 program.

Among other actions at the July meeting, the board approved distribution in 2022 of $35.5 million from the Legal Services Trust Fund—a 48 percent increase over the 2021 amount. The fund’s revenue comes from Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts (IOLTA) and other sources and is distributed to approximately 100 legal aid organizations in California. Due to the pandemic and its economic fallout, interest rates plummeted in March 2020. By year-end 2020, IOLTA interest revenue had decreased to $26.2 million. The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and the Board approved use of reserve funds and additional revenue from other sources to maintain the $35 million in legal aid funding already approved for 2020. The grant distribution for 2021 was cut to $23.5 million.

Meanwhile, the Legislature and Governor have provided for substantial increases to legal aid funding in the 2021–2022 budget. The Budget Act provides a $50 million increase to the Equal Access Fund, of which $45 million will be administered by the State Bar. The Budget Act includes another $60 million per year for three years for homelessness prevention.

“The State Bar of California’s mission is to protect the public and includes the primary functions of licensing, regulation and discipline of attorneys; the advancement of the ethical and competent practice of law; and support of efforts for greater access to, and inclusion in, the legal system.”

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**LACBA Forms Diversity in the Profession Section to Address Disparity of Underrepresented Groups**

LACBA’s 28th section will administer continuing legal education seminars, provide professional networking, and promote equality, diversity, and inclusion within the legal profession.

The Los Angeles County Bar Association’s (LACBA) Board of Trustees announced earlier this year the approval of its new Diversity in the Profession Section; LACBA’s 28th Section is dedicated to facilitating full and equal participation in the legal profession by historically underrepresented community members based on unique characteristics such as age, color, physical and mental (dis)ability, ethnicity, family or marital status, sex, gender identity or expression, geographic location, language, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, military and veteran status, and learning styles, among others.

“LACBA continues to be at the forefront of promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion within the legal community, and our Diversity in the Profession Committee has been active within LACBA for many years,” said Megan Whipp, chair of the Diversity in the Profession Section. “Our Committee saw the increased demand to expand our efforts and address head-on our goal of achieving a more diverse legal landscape. The obvious direction, for us, was to form a Section dedicated to these important objectives. We are aware of the many challenges ahead, but we are steadfast in our efforts to promote diversity in the legal profession.”

Whipp is joined on the Executive Committee by treasurer, Hon. Sam Lucas; secretary, Christine Goodman; and vice chairs, Eric Chan, Brian Moskal, Lydia Liberio, Kendra Thomas, Ann Park, Diane Reyes, and Carlos Dominguez.

The mission of LACBA’s Diversity in the Profession Section is to increase and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession, including by advancing the careers of diverse lawyers and legal professionals, promoting leadership and educational opportunities, promoting policies and programs that advance diversity, equality, and inclusion, and providing mentorship opportunities for lawyers and students in the diversity pipeline. LACBA members can register for the section beginning on April 29, 2021.

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