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Daniel H. Mathias is the managing partner of Cohen & Gresser's London office and a member of the firm's global corporate practice. He advises clients on complex cross-border private equity, M&A and financing transactions across North America and Europe, with a particular focus on investments in regulated sectors such as legal services, media, consumer and aerospace. He has led several high-profile deals, including Investcorp's recent acquisition of Stowe Family Law and Sierra Space's record-setting funding rounds. Known for his commercial insight and strategic approach, he counsels sponsors, investors and founders across all stages of the investment cycle.

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Q&A WITH DANIEL H. MATHIAS

How do you stay ahead in your field? Are there any emerging trends or innovations you are particularly excited about in your area of expertise?

◆ Staying ahead requires a combination of curiosity and close engagement with clients and the markets in which they operate. Much of my practice involves cross-border private equity (PE) and M&A transactions, so I closely follow developments in regulation, deal structures, financing trends, strategies and the sectors driving investment activity. I also benefit from working with clients and colleagues across multiple jurisdictions, which provides valuable insight into emerging issues before they become widespread. One trend I find particularly interesting is the growing convergence of legal, operational and strategic considerations in transactions. Investors are increasingly focused not only on executing deals, but also on governance, value creation, technology and regulatory risk throughout the investment lifecycle. That evolution is creating opportunities for lawyers to serve as broader strategic sounding boards to clients operating in a rapidly changing global environment.

Could you describe your approach to tackling complex legal challenges? What principles or philosophies guide your work?

◆ My approach begins with understanding the client's commercial objectives and risk appetite. Complex legal issues rarely exist in isolation, particularly in cross-border transactions, so context comes before strategy. I focus on breaking complicated issues into manageable components, assembling the right team and maintaining tight and clear communication throughout the process. The guiding principle is always practicality: clients like a short list of options, a view on any trade-offs and suggested solutions. Technical rigour matters enormously, but it only becomes useful once



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paired with commercial judgment and a genuine willingness to collaborate on an appropriate path forward.

What are your predictions for the future of your legal specialty? How do you see your vocation evolving over the next few years?

◆ PE and M&A activity will continue to become more international, requiring advisers who can navigate not only multiple legal systems but also increasingly complex regulatory and geopolitical considerations. Clients are looking for practical, commercially focused advice that goes beyond legal analysis and helps them execute transactions efficiently across jurisdictions. I also expect continued growth in alternative investment structures and strategies. As a PE lawyer, that means being increasingly nimble and multidisciplinary: combining technical legal expertise with a deep understanding of clients' businesses, markets and strategic objectives. ■

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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Represented The Raine Group on growth equity matters.
- Represented Lupa Systems on PE investment matters.
- Represented Soros Fund Management on a range of private investment matters.
- Represented Investcorp in a range of UK and US PE matters, including primary investments, portfolio-level advisory and its secondary buyout of Stowe Family Law, the UK's largest specialist family law firm.
- Represented Sierra Space Corporation in its $1.4bn Series A and Sierra Holding Corporation in its $290m Series B financings, collectively raising $1.7bn in total and reaching a $5.3bn valuation.
- Represented Alpha Wave Global as a lead investor in a major Series B round, advising on cross-border structuring across the UK, US and Canada.
- Represented Limerston Capital on the dual acquisition of Forensic Access and Axiom International to create a new international criminal justice services provider.

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