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Kester is a top M&A advisor with 25+ years of experience guiding private equity sponsors, portfolio companies, and strategic buyers and sellers through complex US and cross-border transactions. While particularly known for his work with software and intellectual property-intensive businesses, Kester has led significant deals across the infrastructure, industrials, business services, healthcare, consumer goods and cannabis industries. Clients value his ability to thoughtfully navigate sector-specific risks while maintaining commercial focus and momentum.

Kester's representations include Albertsons Companies, Bertram Capital Management, CAI Capital Partners, Enhanced Healthcare Partners, Halifax Capital Partners, Lee Equity Partners, Main Post Partners, Manna Tree Partners, PharmaCann, Prospect Partners, Rubicon Technology Partners, Schwazze, TA Associates and Wynnchurch Capital.

Kester also maintains an active pro bono practice focused on immigration and empowerment.

Kester's recent transactions include:

- **Bamboo Rose**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Supply Pilot and Backbone PLM
- **Cin7**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Inventoro, DEAR Systems* and Orderhive*
- **Conquer**, a Camden Partners and Evergreen Mountain Equity Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of Full Circle Insights
- **Gimmal**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its sale to Morae Global
- **Lumivero**, a former Rubicon Technology Partners and current TA Associates portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Citavi* and Planet Software*
- **Midwestern Electric (now GreenArrow)**, a CAI Capital Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Earthbound Electrical, James D. Hinson Electrical Contracting, Bear Electrical Solutions, Kuharchik Construction and Wyoming Electric & Signal
- **Nulogy**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of AuditComply
- **Presence Marketing**, a former Vestar Capital Partners portfolio company, in its sale to PLTFRM
- **Priority Ambulance**, a former Enhanced Healthcare Partners and current Consonance Capital Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of multiple ambulance companies, several joint ventures

and sale to Consonance Capital Partners
- **Rubicon Technology Partners** in multiple acquisitions, investments, recapitalization and sales, including Vimly Benefit Solutions, Nulogy, Ascend Analytics, and Tacton, as well as past matters* involving Bamboo Rose, Vision Government Solutions, Uplight, Uptempo, ABOUT Healthcare, Harver, Cin7, Lumivero, Scaled Agile, AppNeta, Gimmal, AudienceView, Aucerna and 4tell
- **TA Associates** in a confidential acquisition
- **Uptempo**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of OptiMine and Allocadia*
- **Vision Government Solutions**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its majority recapitalization with Great Hill Partners

Kester's past transactions* also include:

- **ABOUT Healthcare**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Acuity Link and Ensocare
- **Albertsons Companies** in several minority equity and debt investments, partnership with Instacart and acquisition of Plated
- **Aperture Pet & Life**, a Bertram Capital portfolio company, in its acquisitions of EcoTech Marine, Neptune Systems and Marine Depot
- **Aphena Pharma Solutions** in the disposition of its health and beauty division
- **API Abroad**, an Avathon Capital portfolio company, in its potential acquisition of an overseas study program
- **AppNeta**, a former Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its sale to Broadcom
- **Astute Solutions**, a former Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of Wilke Global and sale to Audax Private Equity
- **Aucerna**, a former Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Palantir Solutions, Aclaro Softworks, Energy Navigator and Enersight, and sale to Thoma Bravo
- **AudienceView**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Vendini and TheaterMania
- **Avathon Capital** in its recapitalization of API Abroad and growth equity investment in Panopto
- **Bertram Capital** in its acquisitions of ReVamp Companies (formerly TSR Concrete Coatings), Aperture Pet & Life (formerly Bulk Reef Supply), and Killstar, and acquisition and subsequent sale of Enthusiast Auto Holdings
- **CAI Capital Partners** in its investments in Midwestern Electric and CMT Engineering Laboratories, and its acquisition and subsequent sale of GeoStabilization International to KKR
- **Código 1530 Tequila** in its joint venture with Pernod Ricard
- **Costco Wholesale Corporation** in its investment in Navitus Health Solutions
- **Crocs** in a $200 million private investment in public equity (PIPE) by Blackstone
- **DirectLink** in its sale to BAM Broadband
- **Eating Recovery Center**, a former Lee Equity Partners portfolio company, in several acquisitions of eating disorder facilities and separate sales to CCMP Capital and Lee Equity Partners
- **Ecoserv**, a former Lariat Partners portfolio company, in its sale of Ecoserv Industrial Disposal to US Ecology
- **Endeavour Capital Partners** in its investment in Temperatsure
- **Enthusiast Auto Holdings**, a former Bertram Capital portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Texas Speed & Performance and Turner Motorsport, and sale to Cortec Group
- **Fastwyre Broadband** in several potential acquisitions
- **GeoStabilization International**, a former CAI Capital Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of Access Limited (formerly GeoBuild) and sale to KKR
- **Guardian Healthcare Group**, a former Enhanced Healthcare Partners portfolio company, in its sale to Envision Healthcare
- **Halifax Capital Partners** in its acquisitions of Summit Behavioral Health and Delphi Behavioral Health Group

- **Harver** (formerly Outmatch), a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Harver, Checkster, LaunchPad and FurstPerson
- **Lariat Partners** in its combination of Newpark Environmental Services and Offshore Cleaning Systems to create Ecoserv
- **Lee Equity Partners** in its acquisition of The Living Company and establishment of The Prelude Network
- **Life Line Ambulance Service** in its sale to Envision Healthcare
- **Main Post Partners** in its investment in DeMert Brands and acquisition of EagleRider
- **Noosa Yoghurt** in its sale to Advent International
- **Novanta** in its sale of certain subsidiaries and assets
- **Paula's Choice**, a former Bertram Capital portfolio company, in its majority recapitalization with TA Associates
- **PCA Medical Group** in its acquisition of an independent physician association
- **Personify**, a former Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of WildApricot and sale to Pamlico Capital
- **PharmaCann** in its acquisition of LivWell Enlightened Health and several potential joint ventures and acquisitions
- **Pink Lily**, a Bertram Capital portfolio company, in its sale to Cortec Group
- **Prelude Fertility (now The Prelude Network)**, a Lee Equity Partners portfolio company, in its acquisitions of Vivere Health, Advanced Fertility Center of Chicago, Pacific Fertility Center, and Reproductive Biology Associates and MyEggBank to form Prelude Fertility
- **Prospect Partners and Waste Harmonics** in the sale of Waste Harmonics to Arcapita
- **Provenance** in several growth investments in Knot Standard
- **Registrar**, a former Bertram Capital portfolio company, in several asset acquisitions
- **ReVamp Companies**, a Bertram Capital portfolio company, in several add-on acquisitions
- **Scaled Agile**, a former Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of Conteneo
- **Schwazze** in its acquisitions of certain assets of Lightshade Labs, Urban Health & Wellness, certain assets of Smoking Gun, Southern Colorado Growers, certain Star Buds dispensaries, and other confidential cannabis-related assets, licenses and entities
- **Strata GPO** in an investment by Linsalata Capital Partners
- **Trimble** in several acquisitions and divestitures of operating subsidiaries and assets, including Beena Vision, Cadec Global, Vico Software and ALK Technologies
- **Uplight**, a Rubicon Technology Partners portfolio company, in its $1.5 billion recapitalization with Schneider Electric, The AES Corporation, Coatue Management and Inclusive Capital Partners, conversion to a public benefit corporation, merger with Simple Energy, and acquisitions of FirstFuel and EnergySavvy
- **Valley Anesthesiology** in its sale to Envision Healthcare
- **Varsity Healthcare Partners** in its recapitalization of Essential Anesthesia Management
- **WhiteGlove Health**, a former Enhanced Healthcare Partners portfolio company, in its acquisition of Glenridge HealthCare Solutions

** Transaction handled before joining Cooley*

Education

Pepperdine University School of Law JD, 2000

Liberty University BS, magna cum laude, 1997

Admissions & Credentials

Colorado

New York

California

England and Wales (Solicitor)

Memberships & Affiliations

The State Bar of California

Law Society of England and Wales