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Raphael advises public companies, late-stage private companies and investors on mergers and acquisitions, strategic transactions and corporate governance matters, with an emphasis on technology-driven businesses. He works with boards, management teams and investment firms on the full spectrum of transactional and advisory matters – from minority investments and joint ventures to complex public company combinations and transformative cross-border deals.

Raphael's experience includes representing acquirors, targets and financial sponsors in domestic and cross-border mergers, stock and asset acquisitions, carve outs, take-private transactions and growth equity investments. He has worked on strategic combinations and sale transactions for companies across the technology, semiconductor, software, fintech and media sectors, including multibillion-dollar deals involving some of the most recognized names in those industries. He also counsels clients on day-to-day corporate matters, including corporate governance, stakeholder and investor dynamics, and preparation for capital markets events.

Before attending law school, he competed as a world-ranked tennis player in tournaments across North America and Europe.

Raphael's recent matters include representing:

- Activision Blizzard in its $75 billion acquisition by Microsoft*
- Splunk in its $28 billion acquisition by Cisco*
- Skyworks Solutions in its pending $22 billion combination with Qorvo*
- Credit Karma in its $8.1 billion sale to Intuit and the divestiture of Credit Karma Tax to Square*
- Coherent in its $7 billion sale to II-VI following a competitive three-party bidding process*
- Xperi Corporation in its $3 billion merger with TiVo*
- ServiceNow in its $2.85 billion acquisition of Moveworks*
- Intel, Netflix and Broadcom in various strategic technology acquisitions*
- Qualified in its acquisition by Salesforce

* Representation handled before joining Cooley

Raphael has professional working proficiency in German and Russian, and conversational proficiency in Armenian.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center LLM, Securities and Financial Regulation

Georgetown University Law Center JD

University of California, Irvine BA, Political Science

Admissions & Credentials

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