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Russell counsels companies through a broad range of domestic and cross-border M&A and venture capital transactions with a focus on the tech and life sciences sectors. Russell was previously seconded to a major financial institution where he advised on a number of asset sales and corporate governance issues as part of the EMEA consumer legal team. He is a co-chair of the firm's LGBTQ+ Affinity Group and a member of the firm's pro bono committee.

His recent experience includes advising:

- **EsoBiotec** on its sale to AstraZeneca for up to $1 billion
- **Amryt Pharma** on its sale to Chiesi Farmaceutici for $1.48 billion
- **GeBBS Healthcare Solutions** on its sale to EQT Private Capital Asia
- **Neurocrine Biosciences** on the sale of Neurocrine Group to Immedica
- **Redx Pharma**, a UK clinical-stage biotechnology company, on its all-share merger with Jounce Therapeutics, a US clinical-stage immunotherapy company, in a $425 million and contingent value right transaction
- **Ieso Digital Health** on the sale of Ieso Digital Health UK to Mindler
- **Karo Pharma** on its acquisition of the E45 brand from Reckitt
- **HitGen** on its acquisition of research company Vernalis Research (R&D) from Ligand Pharmaceuticals
- **Tusk Therapeutics**, a UK immuno-oncology company, on its sale to Roche for up to $759 million
- **Neurocrine Biosciences** on its acquisition of Diurnal Group
- **Alvotech Holdings**, a global biopharmaceutical company, on its combination with special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) Oaktree Acquisition Corp. II, with the combined company valued at $2.25 billion
- **Guardsquare** on its sale to Verdane
- **UiPath** on its acquisition of Peak
- **UiPath** on its acquisition of Re:infer
- **Brainlabs** on its sale to and investment from Falfurrias Capital Partners
- **Madison Bidco** on the take-private of Velocys
- **Chegg** in connection with its acquisition of Busuu for approximately $436 million
- **Brandwatch**, a global leader in digital consumer intelligence and social media listening, on its agreement to sell to Cision for $450 million
- **Brandwatch** on its acquisition of Paladin, a comprehensive influencer marketing platform

- **Cision**, a global comprehensive communications platform, on its acquisition of Factmata, an advanced social and news media monitoring company
- **Cisco** on its bolt-on acquisition of Ensoft, a specialist in developing network software
- **DocuSign** on its $188 million acquisition of Seal Software
- **Luna Innovations**, a developer of fibre optic-based technologies, on its acquisition of Silixa
- **Luna Innovations** on its acquisition of OptaSense from QinetiQ
- **AAC Clyde Space** on its acquisition of SpaceQuest, a satellite technology developer based in Virginia
- **Adestra**, a provider of email, marketing and transaction automation software, on its sale to Upland Software for $56 million
- **Style Analytics**, a factor and ESG exposure analytics provider, on its sale to Investment Metrics

Pro bono

Russell regularly advises not-for profits and charities on corporate governance issues.

Education

College of Law, Moorgate LPC, 2012

University of Leeds LLB, 2011

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales