

## JASON M. CASELLA, Partner

*Jason M. Casella focuses his practice on corporate law. He represents both private and public companies in a wide variety of corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, corporate governance matters and securities compliance.*

Mr. Casella has vast experience in public offerings and private placements of securities, mergers, stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, and private equity and venture capital transactions for a variety of national and international corporate clients in various industries. He also advises clients on commercial transactions, corporate governance matters, securities compliance and disclosure issues.

Mr. Casella is a member of the firm's Corporate, Food and Beverage, Japan, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity and Securities Practices. In 2014, he was named a "40 Under 40 Award" winner by *The M&A Advisor* in the Legal Advisor category. Mr. Casella has also been mentioned in *Euromoney's* IFLR 1000 listing of the world's leading lawyers and recommended in The Legal 500 United States.

Among Mr. Casella's representative engagements:

- Snyder's-Lance Inc. in its \$6.1 billion sale to Campbell Soup Company;
- US Foods Holding Corp. in its \$1.175 billion initial public offering;
- US Foods Holding Corp. in a \$1.0 billion secondary offering of common stock;
- Snyder's-Lance Inc. in its \$1.8 billion acquisition of Diamond Foods Inc.;
- Hertz Global Holdings, Inc. in the \$2.0 billion spinoff of its equipment rental business;
- Obagi Medical Products in its \$420 million sale to Valeant Pharmaceuticals;
- NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in its \$100 million public offering of common stock;
- Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. in its initial public offering and secondary offering of common stock, and various acquisitions and investments;
- Otsuka Pharmaceutical in its acquisition of PDL BioPharma Inc.'s rights to IV Busulfex and its acquisition of all outstanding stock of Interpharma Praha, a.s.;
- Enzon Pharmaceuticals in its sale of a portion of its royalty interest for PEG-Intron;
- Tengion, Inc., a leader in the field of regenerative medicine, in its initial public offering;
- Obagi Medical Products in its public offering and secondary offering of common stock;



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### PRACTICE GROUPS

Corporate  
Food and Beverage  
Japan Practice  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Private Equity  
Securities

### INDUSTRY GROUPS

FinTech

### EDUCATION

Cornell University Law School, JD, 1999

State University of New York - Albany, BA,  
1996; *magna cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

New York, 2000

- Panther Trucking in its sale to private equity firm Fenway Partners;
- Hemmings Motor News in its sale to American City Business Journals;
- A.L. Industrier AS, the controlling shareholder of Alpharma, Inc., in its sale of its interest in Alpharma;
- Mudd (USA) LLC in the sale of substantially all of its assets related to the Mudd brand of pre-teen and junior girls' clothing to Iconix Brand Group, Inc.; and
- Petters Group Worldwide, an investment company, in its acquisition of Polaroid Holding Company, a developer and manufacturer of instant and digital imaging products.

## **Awards**

- *IFLR 1000*  
Notable Practitioner - 2018, 2019, 2020
- *Legal 500 USA*  
M&A: Middle-Market (\$500M-999M) - 2019, 2020
- *M&A Advisor*  
2014 "40 Under 40"

## **Publications**

- Co-Author, Client Alert: Main Street Lending Program Expansion to Include Nonprofits, July 27, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Poison Pills during the COVID-19 Pandemic, May 11, 2020