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Sophia works closely with the firm's clients and her corporate practitioner colleagues to ensure that their transactional tax matters are examined strategically, aligned with each client's business objectives, and handled effectively. With a focus on solution-driven approaches, Sophia has experience representing investment funds, their portfolio companies, and other clients in the structuring and negotiation of taxable and tax-free mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, restructurings, financings, partnerships and joint ventures, and other major transactions.

Her practice includes advising investment funds on the structuring, formation, and operation of funds. In addition, Sophia regularly provides tax law advice regarding tax-exempt organizations and a broad range of general corporate and partnership tax planning matters, including closely held business issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Sophia was a manager in the Transaction Tax group at Ernst & Young LLP, where she advised public corporations and private equity fund clients on a variety of transactional tax matters primarily related to the tax consequences of leveraged buyouts involving domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, and restructurings.

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

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### Publications

> March 27, 2020

**"Key Tax and Employee Benefits Provisions of the CARES Act,"** *Tax and Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Andrew E. Graw, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Christine Osvald-Mruz, Darren Goodman, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue, Robert B. Krieger

> December 26, 2017

**"Key Tax Provisions Affecting Hedge Funds, Private Equity Funds And Other Investment Vehicles,"** *Tax Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

**"New Tax Act: Trust & Estate Planning Considerations,"** *Trust and Estates Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

**"Key Partnership Tax Provisions,"** *Tax Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

**"Key Foreign Tax Provisions,"** *Tax Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

**"Key Corporate & Business Tax Provisions,"** *Corporations Tax Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

**"Key Individual Tax Provisions,"** *Tax Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

**"Key Corporate & Business Tax Provisions,"** *Tax Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Goen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

> December 22, 2017

## "Key Tax-Exempt Organization Provisions," *Tax Client Alert*

Brian A. Silikovitz, Kenneth J. Slutsky, John L. Berger, Michael N. Gooen, Michael Walutes, Lesley P. Adamo, Sophia Mokotoff, Kristin V. Taylor, Min Xue

## In the Media

> May 28, 2020

Lowenstein's representation of **PeakSpan Capital** in an investment transaction in which PeakSpan, Morgan Stanley Expansion Capital, and others invested more than \$42 million in Ecwid is noted in the **Global Legal Chronicle**. The Lowenstein team was led by **Anthony O. Pergola** and **Juan B. Soto** and included **Ifat Lipman**, **Joon Hwan Kim**, and **Serena Ward**, with support from **Darren Goodman**, **Eric Jesse**, **Leah Satlin**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, and the firm's **Global Trade & Policy** team (led by **Doreen M. Edelman**), among others. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> January 9-14, 2020

Lowenstein's representation of **PVH Corp.** [NYSE:PVH] in its definitive agreement to sell its Speedo North America business to Pentland Group for \$170 million in cash is highlighted in **Law360**, **Bloomberg Law**, **Retail Dive**, **Financial News**, and the **Global Legal Chronicle**. The Lowenstein deal team included **Marita A. Makinen**, **Andrew P. Erdmann**, **Doreen M. Edelman**, **Andrew E. Graw**, **Darren Goodman**, **Mary J. Hildebrand**, **Matt Savare**, **Michael Walutes**, **Jeffrey M. Shapiro**, **Jack Sidorov**, **Abbey E. Baker**, **Manali Joglekar**, **Justin Gindi**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, **Nicole Rae Morales**, **Bryan Sterba**, and **Vikram Paul**. The PVH team included Mark Fischer, Jeffrey Hellman, and Meredith Felz (Legal), along with Dana Perlman and Lina Yoo (In-house Deal Makers). *(subscription required to access certain content)* **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> November 29, 2019

Lowenstein's representation of **Crimson Investment**, a global private equity firm headquartered in San Francisco, in the sale of Milton Industries, Inc. to Levine Leichtman Capital Partners, a Los Angeles-based private equity firm, is highlighted in the **Global Legal Chronicle**. The Lowenstein deal team included **Christopher C. Henry**, **Theodore C. Sica**, **Brian A. Silikovitz**, **Mark S. Heinzelmann**, **Lauren E. Killeen**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, **Megan Monson**, **Nick Samedi**, and **Jacob D. Unger**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> November 18-26, 2019

Lowenstein's representation of **The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.** in its acquisition of the shares that the company does not already beneficially own in Have & Be Co. Ltd., the Seoul-based, global skin care company behind Dr. Jart+ and men's grooming brand Do The Right Thing, is noted in **Mergers & Acquisitions**, **Yahoo! Finance**, **Digital Commerce 360**, **PYMNTS.com**, the **Global Legal Chronicle**, **The Deal** (article; deal listing), **Law360**, **Business Wire**, **Bloomberg**, and **The Beauty Influencers**. Led by partner **Marita A. Makinen**, the Lowenstein deal team includes **Gina M. Seong**, **Darren Goodman**, **Doreen M. Edelman**, **Mary J. Hildebrand**, **Matt Savare**, **Michael Walutes**, **Jack Sidorov**, **Abbey E. Baker**, **Kate Basmagian**, **Manali Joglekar**, **Taryn E. Cannataro**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, **Carly S. Penner**, **Bryan Sterba**, and **Matthew Tippy**. *(subscription required to access article)* **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> November 11; November 14, 2019

Lowenstein Sandler's representation of **ZMC** in its investment in **CommentSold, Inc.** is noted in **The PE Hub Network**, **Business Wire**, **Financial News**, and the **Global Legal Chronicle**. The Lowenstein team included **Steven E. Siesser**, **Lesley P. Adamo**, **Elisia M. Klinka**, **Darren Goodman**, **Julie Levinson Werner**, **Anita L. Chapdelaine**, **Nicole Rae Morales**, **Nicole Stefanelli**, **Megan Monson**, **Eric Jesse**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, **Carly S. Penner**, **Bryan Sterba**, **Manali Joglekar**, **Mark P. Kesslen**, **Daniel A. Suckerman**, **Kimberly E. Lomot**, and **Doreen M. Edelman**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> November 6-10, 2019

Lowenstein's representation of **MKG**, **Pink Sparrow**, and **Maneesh K. Goyal**, the founder and chairman of both companies, in those entities' acquisition by Acceleration Community of Companies is noted in **The Hollywood Reporter**, **Business Wire**, the **Valdosta Daily Times**, the **Global Legal Chronicle**, **PR Week** and **citybizlist**. The Lowenstein deal team included **Steven E. Siesser**, **Traci M. Tomaselli**, **Lesley P. Adamo**, **Nicole Stefanelli**, **Madeline Roe**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, and **Megan Monson**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> November 9, 2019

Lowenstein's representation of **W2O**, the leading independent provider of analytics-driven, digital-first marketing communications to the health care sector, in the acquisition of Arcus Medica, a recognized leader in medical and scientific communications, highlighted in the **Global Legal Chronicle**. The Lowenstein deal team included **David L. Goret**, **Marita A. Makinen**, **Andrew P. Erdmann**, **Matthew Tippy**, **Eugene R. Cheval**, **Tracy F. Buffer**, **Michael Walutes**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, **Megan Monson**, **Matt Savare**, **Bryan Sterba**, **Mary J. Hildebrand**, **Manali Joglekar**, **Carly S. Penner**, **Amy Komoroski Wiwi**, and **James C. Shehan**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> September 30-October 4; November 7, 2019

TCG Capital Management's \$83 million investment in Lowenstein client Food52 by was reported by **The Wall Street Journal**, **Vox**, **Yahoo! Finance**, **Cision PR Newswire**, **The Big Lead**, **TMCNet.com**, **The PE Hub Network**, **Bloomberg Law – Big Law Business**, **Markets Insider**, **Morningstar**, **benzinga**, **StreetInsider.com**, **Financial Content**, **Law360**, **IT News Online**, and the **Global Legal Chronicle**. (The Lowenstein Sandler deal team was led by deal lawyers **Ed Zimmerman** and **Alex D. Leibowitz**, with tax support from **Brian A. Silikovitz** and **James E. Gregory** (executive compensation). The Lowenstein attorneys on the team were **Robert W. Lynn**, **Pooja Patel**, **Elias Kwon**, **Bianka V. Barraza**, and **Matthew J. Moisan**, with subject matter expertise from **Sophia S. Mokotoff** (tax), **Megan Monson** (executive compensation), **Leah Satlin** (commercial contracts), **Taryn E. Cannataro** (executive compensation), and **Eric Jesse** (insurance). **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> October 15; November 30; December 18, 2018

**StreetInsider.com**, **The Deal**, **citybizlist**, **The PE Hub Network** (October 15, 2018; December 18, 2018), **MarketWatch**, **Law360**, **Global Legal Chronicle**, and **Business Wire** note Lowenstein Sandler as counsel to Cambium Learning Group, Inc. in its \$900 million definitive merger agreement with Veritas Capital. (Lowenstein deal team: **Steven E. Siesser**, **Elisia M. Klinka**, **Brooke A. Gillar**, **Michael J. Mueller**, **Lauren M. Troeller**, **Bianka V. Barraza**, **Lowell A. Citron**, **Jeffrey Blumenfeld**, **Jack Sidorov**, **Jeffrey M. Shapiro**, **Steven M. Skolnick**, **Kate Basmagian**, **Scott Siegel**, **Lesley P. Adamo**, **Sophia Mokotoff**, **Darren Goodman**, **Megan Monson**, **Katie R. Glynn**, **David W. Field**, **Michael A. Kaplan**, **Eric Jesse**, **Nicholas G. Mehler**, **Steven M. Hecht**, **Sean Collier**, **Edward J. Hunter**, **Zarema A. Jaramillo**, **Andrew David Behlmann**, and **Gina M. Seong**.) *(subscription required to access certain content)* **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**

> November 5-12; December 13-19, 2018

**MarketWatch, GlobeNewswire, TenLinks, StreetInsider.com, Yahoo! Finance, Digital Engineering, Global Legal Chronicle, and Crain's Detroit Business** note Lowenstein Sandler as counsel to Altair Engineering Inc. (Nasdaq: ALTR) in its \$176 million acquisition of Datawatch Corporation (Nasdaq: DWCH). (Lowenstein deal team: **Peter H. Ehrenberg, Michael J. Mueller, Elizabeth A. Mandle, Justin Gindi, Colin J. Kirby, Valeska Pederson Hintz, Kate Basmagian, Lauren E. Killeen, Darren Goodman, Megan Monson, Brian A. Silikovitz, Sophia Mokotoff, Mark P. Kessler, Manali Joglekar, Leah Satlin, Jeffrey Blumenfeld, Jack Sidorov, Jeffrey M. Shapiro, Lynda A. Bennett, Eric Jesse, Lowell A. Citron, Lauren M. Troeller, and Erica Perlmutter.**) [View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.](#)

> October 10, 2018

**StreetInsider.com, MarketWatch, RTTNews, The Advocate, Markets Insider, and Seeking Alpha** highlight Lowenstein client Compassionate Care Hospice's entering a definitive agreement to be acquired by Amedisys, Inc. (Lowenstein deal team: **Marita A. Makinen, Annie Nazarian Davydov, James C. Shehan, Michael Walutes, Michael N. Gooen, Darren Goodman, Sophia Mokotoff, Jack Sidorov, and Scott Siegel.**) [View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.](#)

> August 15, 2018

The **Global Legal Chronicle** notes Lowenstein Sandler's representation of **Regulatory Professionals, Inc. (RPI)** in its acquisition by **Premier Research**. The write-up lists the Lowenstein team: **Steven E. Siesser, Lowell A. Citron, Brooke A. Gillar, Lesley P. Adamo, Eric Jesse, Alexander Brooks, Sophia Mokotoff, Megan Monson, Matthew A. Nemeth, and Sami Najib.** [View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.](#)

> July 30-August 6, 2018

**The PE Hub Network, Cision PR Newswire, and FierceBiotech** note Lowenstein Sandler as counsel to **Regulatory Professionals, Inc. (RPI)** in its acquisition by **Premier Research.** [View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.](#)

## EDUCATION

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- > Brooklyn Law School (J.D. 2013), Executive Articles Editor, *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law*
- > Wellesley College (B.A. 2008)

## ADMISSIONS

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- > New York
- > New Jersey