# Covington CFIUS Experience: Information and Communications Technologies

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## **Global Reach**

Our distinctively collaborative culture allows us to be truly one team globally, drawing on the diverse experience of lawyers and advisors across the firm by seamlessly sharing insight and expertise.



#### **North America**

100 years of developing comprehensive business and legal solutions for our clients' most challenging business opportunities and disputes.

#### Europe

We advise on a wide array of corporate transactions, life sciences and technology matters, international disputes, competition issues, and privacy and data security matters; complemented by the largest public policy team in Europe.

#### Latin America

Strong ties with business leaders and senior government officials. 50+ years of experience in the region.

### Africa

Significant project development and finance capabilities and 40+ years of experience across the continent, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa for the Clinton Administration.

#### **Middle East**

Our lawyers have lived and worked across the region for 30+ years; significant energy and infrastructure project experience and practical local knowledge.

#### Asia

Decades of experience advising both inbound and outbound investments and disputes. Hard-to-find combination of FCPA/investigations, transactional expertise, and competition and privacy capabilities.

## **Overview of CFIUS Practice**

### \$400+ billion

in transactions for the world's most sophisticated investors and transaction parties

### **Representative Accolades**

• *Chambers USA* 2023 CFIUS (Nationwide) – Band 1

• Only firm with two CFIUS partners ranked in top tier of *Chambers USA* 

Described as **"field leading,"** Covington **"lawyers combine technical skills with political judgments that are unparalleled"** *Chambers USA* 

- Deepest CFIUS team of any firm in the world widely recognized for our leading CFIUS practice.
  - Twice named "Dealmakers of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*: 2016 (CFIUS approval for GLOBALFOUNDRIES' \$1.5 billion acquisition of IBM's semiconductor unit) and 2019 (CFIUS-based defense of Qualcomm against the hostile takeover bid by Broadcom).
  - Team includes former Cabinet and sub-Cabinet level officials from virtually every CFIUS member agency, including Treasury, State, Commerce, Energy, Homeland Security, Defense, Justice, and USTR.
- Clients routinely turn to us for bet-the-company matters:
  - We have handled more transactions to proceed to a Presidential determination than any other firm.
  - We are the only firm since 2007 to secure a CFIUS approval during review period in a transaction that required mitigation.
  - Recent examples of bet-the-company CFIUS matters include: Deutsche Telekom in the merger between T-Mobile and Sprint; defending Qualcomm against takeover by Broadcom; and Genworth Financial in its acquisition by China Oceanwide, the largest Chinese acquisition approved by the Trump Administration.
- Unrivaled deal list for information and communications technologies (ICT) and datarelated transactions.

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### Representative ICT and Data-Related Transactions

- Represented **BT** in acquisitions totaling more than \$1 billion, including Infonet Services Corp., Counterpane Internet Security, Comsat International, WireOne Communications, International Network Services, and Ribbit Corporation.
- Represented The Carlyle Group in connection with a co-investment by GIC in the \$8 billion acquisition of Veritas Technology from Symantec.
- Represented CenturyLink in the \$2.2 billion sale of its Savvis Data Center business to BC Partners.
- Represented Check Point Software Technologies in multiple matters, including acquisitions of Nokia Security Appliance Business, Liquid Machines, and NFR Security.
- Represented **China Oceanwide** in its \$1 billion acquisition of International Data Group.
- Represented **Entrust** in its sale to Datacard.
- Represented Globalfoundries on multiple matters totaling more than \$8 billion in value, including its acquisition of Chartered Semiconductor, acquisition of IBM Microelectronics Division, and divestiture of Avera business to Marvell.
- Represented **Golden Brick consortium** in its \$600 million acquisition of Opera Software.

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## Representative ICT and Data-Related Transactions (cont'd)

- Represented **IBM** in the \$1.75 billion sale of its PC division to Lenovo.
- Represented **Intersil** in its \$3.2 billion acquisition by Renasas Electronics.
- Represented **Lenovo** in its \$2.3 billion acquisition of the x86 server business from IBM.
- Represented Micro Focus on multiple matters, including its \$8.8 billion acquisition of the software business from HPE.
- Represented NXP Semiconductors in multiple matters, including the \$2.75 billion sale of its Standard Products business to Beijing Jianguang Asset Management Co., Ltd. and Wise Road Capital LTD.
- Represented **Publicis Groupe** in its \$3.7 billion acquisition of Sapient.
- Represented Qualcomm in securing CFIUS and Presidential orders to defend against the \$121 billion hostile takeover bid by Broadcom.
- Represented **Renesas Electronics** in its \$6.7 billion acquisition of Integrated Device Technology.
- Represented Sophos in its \$100 million acquisition of Invincea.
- Represented Source Photonics in its sale to a consortium of investors organized by Redview Capital Partners and Asia-IO Advisors.
- Represented Trend Micro in its \$300 million acquisition of the TippingPoint business from HPE.

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