

Barry H. Genkin | Partner
Corporate

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Barry Genkin has recently served as the head of Blank Rome's Business Department, consisting of more than 325 attorneys practicing globally in numerous industries and as Asia Practice Chair. He has more than 30 years of experience advising public-company clients in public and private offerings of equity and debt securities; mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures; and corporate governance. His extensive experience includes the following:

- capital-formation transactions, including IPOs and follow-on offerings
- mergers, acquisitions, divestures, and joint ventures
- Chinese companies listing in U.S. and Chinese company M&A
- private equity, including venture capital and other early-stage transactions
- proxy contests and defensive planning
- federal securities law and compliance
- take-overs and anti-takeover defenses, including rights plans
- complex outsourcing arrangements
- corporate governance, special board committee investigations, and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance

Barry is a trusted adviser of CEOs, CFOs, boards of directors, and audit and special board committees, who rely upon him for providing practical solutions to complex legal and business matters. His strong business and financial acumen, coupled with years of high-level experience, enable him to be a creative problem solver, especially when the stakes are high. His commonsense approach, strong communication skills, and calming style create client confidence and make him a persuasive advocate. He typically functions as the lead lawyer in transactions requiring a multi-faceted team approach and prides himself on being responsive to client needs.

Before joining Blank Rome, he served as special counsel for the Division of Corporate Finance at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., where he was a recipient of the Special Merit Award.

Barry is a frequent speaker and has authored numerous publications about raising capital (“IPOs”), including Chinese companies, M&A, shareholder activism, proxy contests, capital formation, and corporate governance.

Barry is ranked by *Chambers USA* as a leader in corporate, M&A, private equity, and securities law. Clients say “he is stellar: completely responsive, focused on delivering the best quality work and not concerned with his ego.”

The Legal Intelligencer awarded “Best Law Firm” (Pennsylvania)—Corporate Practices/Corporate Governance—to Blank Rome, highlighting Barry’s leadership and achievements.

Outside The Firm

Barry served as president of the Board of Directors at Pennsylvania State University’s Smeal College of Business and the Farrell Center for Entrepreneurship. He served as a trustee for the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia and Board member of the ACE Club.

Select Engagements

Barry has recently completed or is currently working on the following transactions:

- Several law firm mergers.
- Sale (auction) of plastics company to strategic buyer.
- Acquisition/sale of two insurance companies to strategic buyers.
- Sale of two healthcare industry businesses to private equity buyers.
- Venture capital investments in the healthcare space.
- Two international joint ventures with foreign joint venture partners.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- District of Columbia
- New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Financial Managers Society

- Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
- Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania State University
- Skull and Bones Honor Society
- Strategic Research Institute
- The Ace Club
- Walnut Street Theatre

Education

- Pennsylvania State University, BA, with honors
- University of Baltimore School of Law, JD, with honors
- Georgetown University Law Center, LLM

Recognitions

- Corporate/M&A & Private Equity Law, listed in *Chambers USA*
- Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts, listed in *Legal 500 USA*
- AV-Preeminent®, listed by Martindale-Hubbell®
- 2007–2020, Corporate Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation in Philadelphia, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2013, "Lawyer of the Year" – Securities / Capital Markets Law – Philadelphia, listed by *Best Lawyers*

Professional Activities

Barry serves as a vice president of the Association of Audit Committee Members, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing national best practices for audit committees.