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For 17 years, Mr. Kahan was a partner in the firm's Executive Compensation and Benefits Department and active in the firm's mergers and acquisitions practice, focusing on the executive compensation and employee benefits aspects of transactions.

Mr. Kahan received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2000, where he served on the *Columbia Law Review*. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert A. Katzmann of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit during the 2001-2002 term.

Mr. Kahan frequently writes and speaks on executive compensation and corporate governance issues. Mr. Kahan has authored or co-authored articles in several publications, including *M&A Lawyer*, *Wall Street Lawyer*, *Tax Notes*, and the *Bank and Corporate Governance Law Reporter* and is co-author of the firm's *Compensation Committee Guide*. Mr. Kahan is active in various professional and community organizations, and is a past chair of the executive compensation and nonqualified plans subcommittee of

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## Clerkships

Honorable Robert A. Katzmann, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2001–2002

## Recent Publications

[Compensation Season 2025](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, January 23, 2025.

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