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Professional Experience

Mr. Aronson is a Partner, and Chair of the Corporate, Securities and M&A Practice, at the Florida business law firm Berger Singerman LLP. Mr. Aronson counsels corporate and other clients in all phases of their formation, development, governance, financing and transactional activities, including in public and private securities offerings, other sophisticated finance, investment and capital markets transactions, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and compliance matters, general business law and cross-border business transactions. Over a career spanning more than 30 years, he has represented a diverse group of public and private company clients, as well as non-profit organizations and investment funds, through a number of business cycles and markets, in the automobile, healthcare, logistics, marine, medical device, energy/resources, hospitality/hotel/restaurant, financial services, gaming, insurance, media and entertainment, pharmaceutical, software, security, travel services and technology industries. Mr. Aronson, who is a former Chair and current member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Venture Forum, has also served as a Governor-appointed member of two State-sponsored venture capital funds, and participated in drafting Florida's LLC and corporate statutes as well as various legislative revisions over the years to the Florida Business Corporation Act. He has consistently been recognized as a leader in the legal profession and is nationally "ranked" and recognized in his principal practice areas by *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, *Who's Who Legal*, *Florida Trend Legal Elite*, *Super Lawyers*, *Martindale-Hubbell* and other publications. Additional information regarding Mr. Aronson's background and experience can be found on his law firm's website (as part of Mr. Aronson's biography), at www.bergersingerman.com.

Teaching and Scholarship; Education

Mr. Aronson has served as an adjunct faculty member and instructor at the Levin College of Law since 1993. He has authored and co-authored articles and materials, lectured, moderated and served on panels and presented at law schools, business schools, Bar symposia, and business and practicing attorney conferences and institutes, on such topics as Mergers & Acquisitions, Securities Regulation and SEC Rule Reforms, Capital Markets, Corporate Governance, Cross Border Transactions, Leveraged Buyouts, Private Equity and Venture Capital Transactions, Initial Public Offerings and Securities Law Compliance. Mr. Aronson has led or taught courses, and lectured and served on panels and business roundtables, at New York University School of Law, the Federal Securities Institute, Florida International University College of Business Administration, University of Florida Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Miami School of Law and Nova Southeastern University School of Law.

Mr. Aronson received his B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University, where he graduated *Phi Beta Kappa*, *summa cum laude*, and his J.D. degree from New York University School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Annual Survey of American Law*.

Professional, Business & Community Activities and Recognition

- **University of Florida Levin College of Law:** Mr. Aronson first joined the College of Law's faculty as an adjunct professor and instructor (assisting with Corporations and Securities Regulation courses in coordination with Professor Stuart R. Cohn) in 1993. Mr. Aronson developed (with an experiential learning and skills focus), and has organized, led and taught, the following College of Law courses: *Securities Regulation* (Spring 1998), *Business Documents Drafting* (Fall 2006, Spring 2008, Spring 2009 and Spring 2010), and *Business Transactions and Document Drafting* (Spring 2011 through 2019). Mr. Aronson also sponsored and assisted in developing and launching the College of Law's *Mergers & Acquisitions* course.

- **Honors, Awards & Recognition:** Mr. Aronson has consistently been recognized as a leader in the legal profession and as a leading corporate, corporate governance, capital markets/securities, private equity, venture capital and mergers and acquisitions practitioner. His honors, awards and recognition include (among others): *Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-to-present editions (Corporate, Securities/Capital Markets, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity, Venture Capital and Mergers & Acquisitions Law categories); *Best Lawyers in America*, 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" in Venture Capital Law (Miami), 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" in Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (Miami), 2014-15 "Lawyer of the Year" in Venture Capital Law (Miami), 2013-14 "Lawyer of the Year" in Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (Miami), 2013-14 "Lawyer of the Year" in Venture Capital Law (Miami), 2012 "Lawyer of the Year" in Venture Capital Law (Miami), and 2011 "Lawyer of the Year" in Corporate Law (Miami); *Chambers USA* (annual listing of leading business lawyers and law firms in the world), 2003-to-present editions (Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity categories); *Who's Who Legal, The International Who's Who of Merger & Acquisition Lawyers*, 2007-to-present; *Florida Trend "Legal Elite,"* 2004-to-present; "Super Lawyer," *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2006-to-present; "South Florida's Top Dealmakers of the Year in Mergers & Acquisitions," *Daily Business Review*, 2005; and "Top Lawyer," *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2005-to-present. Mr. Aronson is also "AV Preeminent" Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*.

- **Boards, Organizations & Institutes:** Mr. Aronson's professional, industry and community organizational positions include the following: Florida Venture Forum: Board Chair – 2015-16, 1997 and 1998; Vice Chair – 2014-15, 1996-97; Executive Committee member – 1998 to present; and Annual Florida Venture Capital Conference Chair or Co-Chair - 1999, 2001, 2002, 2012, 2013 and 2014; Member, Executive Advisory Board, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center, University of Florida Warrington College of Business (1998 - present); Faculty Member and Moderator/Panelist, Federal Securities Institute (2001-to-present); Member, The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, Corporations, Securities & Financial Services Committee (and various legislative drafting and other task forces and subcommittees); Member, American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Committees on Mergers and Acquisitions, Federal Regulation of Securities, Private Equity and Venture Capital and Business Law Education; Member, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Planning and Allocations Committee; and Member, City of Miami Beach – Police-Citizen Relations Committee.

- **Prior Experience/Selected Career Highlights:** Prior to joining Berger Singerman, Mr. Aronson served as: Partner and Co-Chair of the Corporate & Securities Group, Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod (Miami - 2007-10); Principal Shareholder, Co-Chair of National Corporate Practice and Chair of Private Equity and Venture Capital Practice, Greenberg Traurig (Miami and Ft. Lauderdale - 1992-2007); Partner, Steel Hector & Davis (Miami - 1989-1991); Corporate/M&A Associate, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (NYC - 1984-89); Law Clerk, The Honorable Morey L. Sear (U.S. District Court, E.D. La. - 1983-84); Judicial Intern, United States Supreme Court (summer, 1981); Deputy Treasurer, Democratic National Committee (1979-80); and Legislative Intern, United States Senate, the Honorable Senator Lawton Chiles (summers, 1978-79).

- **Bar Admissions:** Florida and New York