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Benjamin Stapleton has been a member of the firm's mergers and acquisitions group since its founding in 1978 and is the senior partner in the group. He has acted in hundreds of transactions during this period, representing bidders, targets and financial advisors in both friendly and contested situations.

Mr. Stapleton has participated in a number of the landmark transactions of the last decade, including representing The British Petroleum Company plc in its acquisition of Amoco Corporation and BP Amoco p.l.c. in its acquisition of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO); Glaxo-Wellcome in its merger with SmithKline Beecham; Vodafone in its acquisitions of AirTouch and Mannesmann; and SBC Communications Inc. in its acquisitions of Pacific Telesis Group, SNET and Ameritech. He recently represented SBC in its proposed acquisition of AT&T and Medco Health Solutions in its agreement to acquire Accredo Health.