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Faculty Biographies

David Kruse

David C. Kruse is a partner at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in its Toronto office. He advises businesses of all sizes on a wide range of corporate and commercial matters. His practice focuses primarily on transactions involving mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, reorganizations, and international and domestic joint ventures. His experience also includes structuring and negotiating various domestic and cross-border commercial agreements, including shareholder, partnership and services agreements of all kinds.

Mr. Kruse regularly advises foreign companies on establishing and structuring their Canadian operations. He provides strategic advice to private and publicly traded businesses in industries such as health care, oil and gas, automotive, logistics, consumer goods, technology, media, communications and financial services.

He serves on the board of directors of several corporations, advises not-for-profit organizations and is actively involved in pro bono work. He also serves on the Blakes Legal Personnel Committee and is co-chair of the firm's Toronto Student Committee. Mr. Kruse is committed to participating in legal education. He often leads seminars and lectures on several facets of business law.

David received a BA from McGill University and is a graduate of Dalhousie University Law School.

David Miller

After obtaining his BComm from McGill University, David Miller entered McGill University's faculty of law and successfully completed the national programme, obtaining a BCL and LLB degree.

After completing two and one half years in private practice in Toronto, he joined Lavalin Inc., one of the world's largest international engineering and construction companies, and subsequently became its general counsel. Mr. Miller joined Rogers Communications Inc., Canada's national communications company with interests in cable television, wireless, telephony, radio and television, and sports as vice-president and general counsel and later became vice-president, general counsel and secretary of Rogers Wireless Communications Inc. Most recently, his position title was changed to senior vice president, general counsel and secretary.

Mr. Miller is based at Rogers Communications Inc.'s headquarters in Toronto.

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Joe Napoli

Joe Napoli is currently the general counsel of U.S. Steel Košice, s.r.o., a subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation. He obtained a BA in communications and international relations from Duquesne University and a JD from the Duquesne University School of law. He joined U.S. Steel with eight years experience in public and corporate finance.

Before accepting his current position in Europe, his diverse practice centered around corporate law, finance and mergers and acquisitions including major strategic partnerships and the acquisition of U.S. Steel Košice in 2000. He has also negotiated and navigated several joint venture agreements for U.S. Steel in the U.S. and abroad. He represented U.S. Steel's credit division in loan origination, work-outs, restructurings and collections until its portfolio paid off in the late 1990s. That work included negotiating loan participation agreements, negotiating workouts among lenders and borrowers and negotiating joint development agreements.

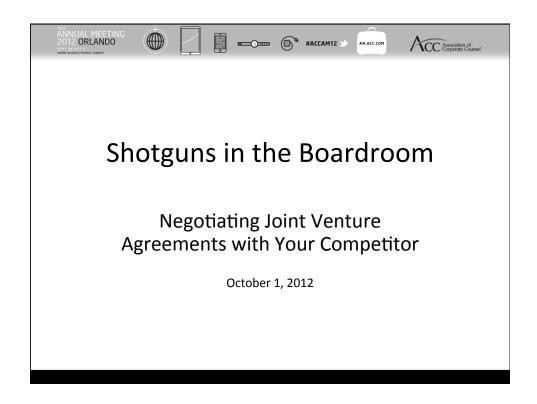
Mr. Napoli was named "Outstanding Volunteer Attorney of the Year" by the Executive Service Corps in 2003, has written for the *ACC Docket*, and served as a member of the Fellows Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and the Business Law Council of the Allegheny County Bar Association. He also served on the board of the ACC's Western Pennsylvania Chapter and was its president in 2009.

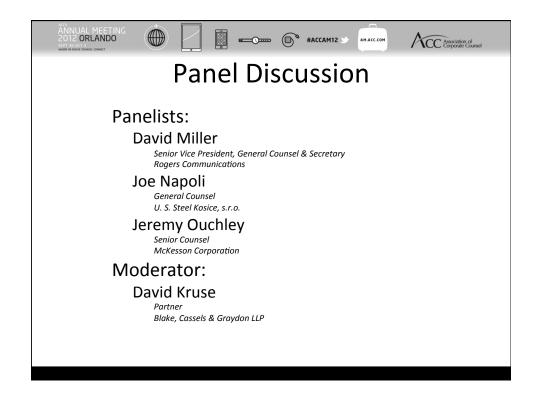
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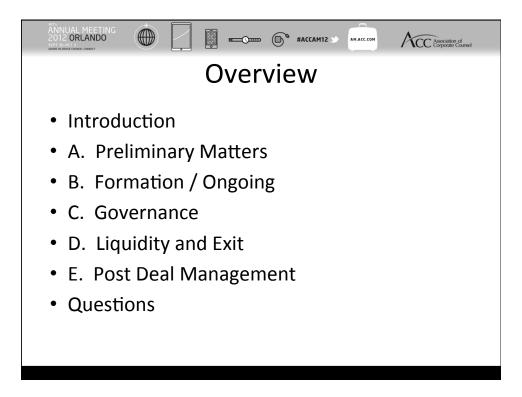
Jeremy Ouchley is currently senior counsel with McKesson Corporation. In this role, he serves as the primary business transactions attorney for McKesson specialty health, an \$8 billion division of McKesson.

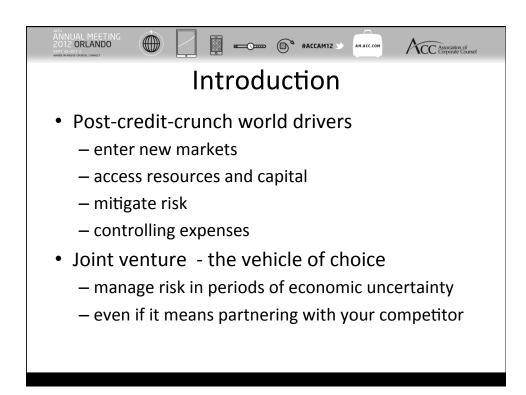
Prior to this role, he served in a similar capacity for U.S. Oncology, a private-equity backed company acquired by McKesson in 2010. He started his legal career as a corporate and securities attorney for Baker Botts LLP.

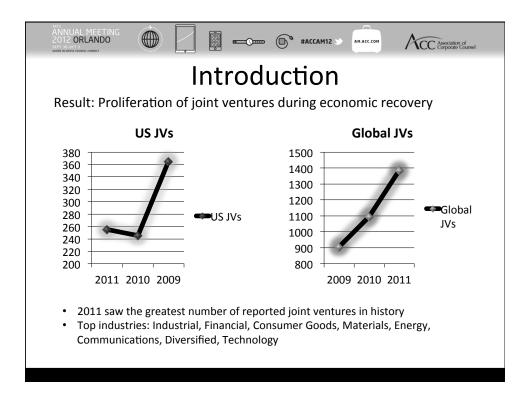
Mr. Ouchley received a BBA from the University of Louisiana-Monroe and is a graduate of The University of Texas School of Law.

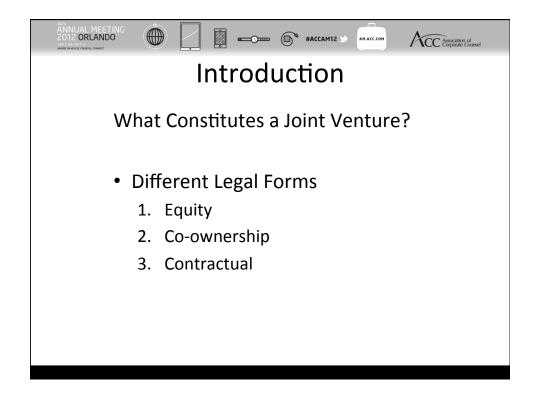


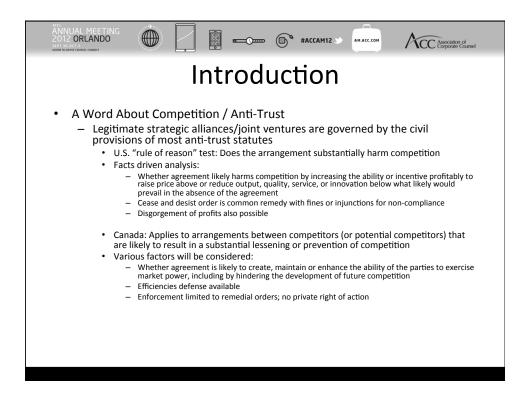


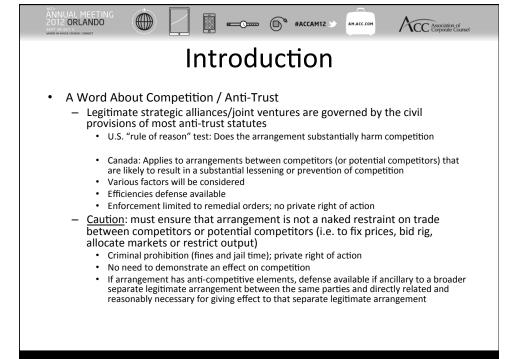


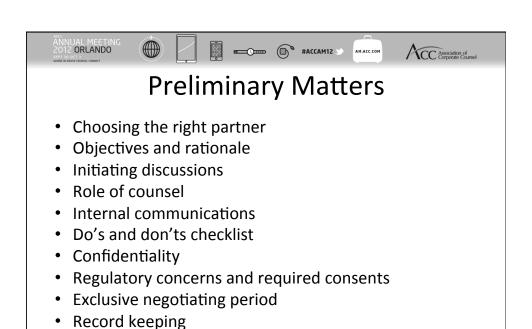


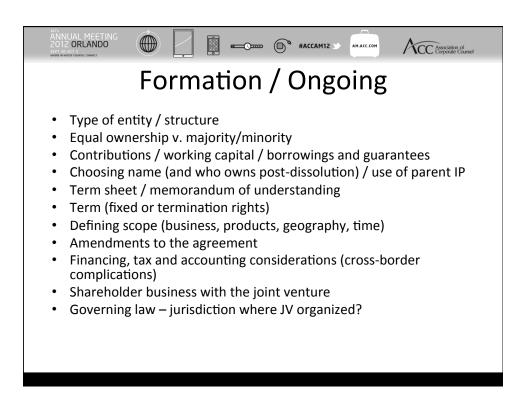


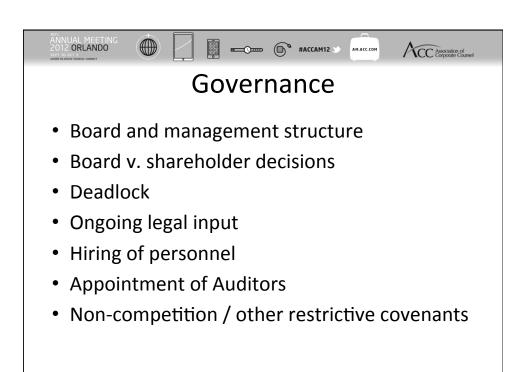


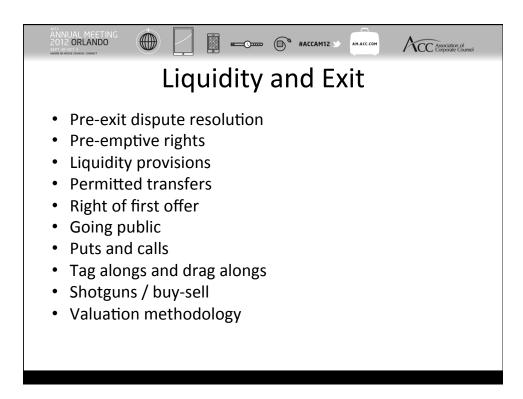














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Joint Venture Checklist

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A. Preliminary Matters

- 1. Choosing the right partner
- 2. Objectives and rationale
- 3. Initiating discussions
- 4. Role of counsel
- 5. Internal communications
- 6. Do's and don'ts checklist
- 7. Confidentiality
- 8. Competition / anti-trust concerns
- 9. Regulatory concerns and required consents
- 10. Exclusive negotiating period
- 11. Record keeping

B. Formation

- 1. Type of entity / structure
- Equal ownership v. majority / minority
- 3. Contributions / working capital
- 4. Choosing name (and who owns post-dissolution) / use of parent IP
- 5. Term sheet / memorandum of understanding
- 6. Term (fixed or termination rights)

- 7. Defining scope (business, products, geography, time)
- 8. Amendments to the agreement
- 9. Financing, tax considerations; cross-border complications
- 10. Shareholder business with the joint venture. Governing law jurisdiction where JV organized?

C. Governance

- Board and management structure
- 2. Board v. shareholder decisions
- 3. Consider deadlock issues
- 4. Ongoing legal input
- 5. Hiring of personnel
- 6. Appointment of Auditors
- 7. Non-competition and other restrictive covenants

D. Liquidity and Exit

- 1. Pre-exit dispute resolution
- 2. Pre-emptive rights
- 3. Liquidity provisions
- 4. Permitted transfers

- 5. Right of first offer
- 6. Going public
- 7. Puts and calls
- 8. Tag alongs and drag alongs
- 9. Shotguns / buy-sell
- 10. Valuation methodology

E. Post Deal Management

- 1. Executive summaries
- 2. Decision making matrix / flow chart
- 3. Establish tickler system for trigger dates
- 4. Periodic review / legal audit