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Selected M&A, Joint Venture and Corporate Finance Transactions

At Skadden, Arps, Ron Laurie led the team handling the intellectual property aspects of the following transactions, in which Skadden represented:

Compaq in its \$25 billion merger with Hewlett-Packard;

Hewlett-Packard in its approximately \$475 million acquisition of Bluestone Software;

Hewlett-Packard in its joint venture with Indigo BV;

News Corp. in its \$6.6 billion acquisition of a 20% interest in Hughes Electronics (including DirecTV and PanAmSat) from General Motors and a further 14% interest from other Hughes shareholders;

Yahoo! in its approximately \$1.8 billion acquisition of Overture;

Yahoo! in its \$436 million acquisition of HotJobs;

Inktomi in its approximately \$235 million acquisition by Yahoo!;

AltaVista in its \$140 million acquisition by Overture;

Business Objects, SA in its approximately \$1.2 billion acquisition of Crystal Decisions;

InterTrust in its \$453 million acquisition by Fidelio, a joint venture of Sony, Philips and others;

Applied Materials in its joint venture with ASML to form eLith, and eLith's joint development agreement with Lucent;

Phone.com in its \$14 billion merger with Software.com to form Openwave Systems;

Openwave Systems in its \$100 million acquisition of Avogadro;

iManage in its \$171 million merger with Interwoven;

Schlumberger in the \$220 million sale of its NPTest, Inc. unit to a partnership led by Francisco Partners and Shah Management;

Kmart in the \$8.4 million sale of its BlueLight.com ISP business to United Online;

Moser-Baer India in its joint venture with Imation to form Global Data Media;

The Sage Group, plc and **Best Software** in Best Software's US\$103 million acquisition of Timberline Software;

Novuspharma SpA in its US\$235 million acquisition by Cell Therapeutics

Biosearch Italia SpA in its US\$261 million merger with Versicor;

SangStat Medical in its \$600 million acquisition by Genzyme;

Emcore in its \$25 million acquisition of the West Coast optoelectronics business of Agere Systems;

Kinetic Concepts in its \$1 billion recapitalization;

Kerr Group in its \$143 million acquisition of Setco and Tubed Products from McCormick & Co.; and

Nellson Nutraceutical in its acquisition of Bariatrix Products International.