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Dean V. Krishna concentrates his practice on international and domestic tax matters. He advises on matters including mergers and acquisitions, private fund agreements, investments and structuring, commercial securities offerings, business restructurings, and general domestic and cross-border tax planning. Tax planning is good business planning, and over the course of his career, Dean has been able to build on his background as a corporate attorney to layer in practical, solution-oriented tax advice.

Dean has won numerous awards, including being honored as “Best of the Bar” in tax by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*, ranked in Chambers and Partners (an honor given to fewer than 2% of attorneys in the U.S.) and designated a “Power Player” in the industry by *The Legal Intelligencer*. Dean’s most meaningful accolades are provided by Stradley Ronon’s clients regarding his ability to drive solutions and save his clients significant amounts (when possible) through tax planning, with the CEO of a private equity fund noting that Dean is a “wonderful (and unique) tax attorney because he’s able to explain and discuss complex tax issues in a plain-English, understandable fashion.”

He received his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and his LL.M. in taxation from the New York University School of Law, where he was editor of the *Tax Law Review*. He earned his M.A. in Education from San Jose University and his B.A. in Environmental Studies from Dartmouth College. Prior to law school, Dean served as a Teach for America Corps Member and taught sixth grade in East Palo Alto, California.

RESULTS

- **Lumina Financial Consultants**, a financial planning and wealth management services provider, in a merger with Cerity Partners
- **Pacific Life** in the sale of its third-party credit asset management firm, Pacific Asset Management, LLC, which at closing managed over \$20 billion to Aristotle Capital Management, LLC
- **McGervey Wealth Management**, a wealth management firm with approximately \$105 million in AUM, in its sale to Mariner Wealth Advisors

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Mergers & Acquisitions
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Investment Management Mergers & Acquisitions
Investment Management Tax
Environmental, Social and Governance
Fintech
Alternative Funds

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey

EDUCATION

LL.M., New York University School of Law, Taxation
J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School
Graduate Certificate, Business Economics and Public Policy, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
M.A., San Jose State University
B.A., Dartmouth College

MEMBERSHIPS

Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
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- **Berkshire Asset Management** (BAM) in its sale of a minority stake to iM Global Partner, a leading global asset management network
- **Union Square Capital Partners**, an investment management firm, in its acquisition of the management of PREDEX, a real estate-focused interval fund with approximately \$163 million in assets under management

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, “IRS Tax Update on 2020 Changes,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute Webinar
- Panelist, “Three Years for Long-Term Capital Gains,” Stradley Ronon and Siegfried Advisory Webcast
- Guest Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic
- Panelist, “Ready for the New Partnership Audit Rules: Tax, Regulatory and Practical Considerations,” Corporation Service Company Webinar
- Panelist, “Tax Reform: Lessons Learned,” Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry
- Panelist, RMA Philadelphia Commercial Real Estate Discussion (Opportunity Zones)
- Speaker, “State and Local Tax Impacts of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Tax Section Annual Meeting),” Philadelphia Bar Association CLE
- Speaker, “The Fundamentals of Investing In Qualified Opportunity Zones,” Philadelphia Bar Association CLE

RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* for Tax in Pennsylvania
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, Power Players
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, “Best of the Bar: Philadelphia’s Top Lawyers”

