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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Brett Souza's practice focuses on corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate and commercial transactions. Mr. Souza has experience representing both public and closely held companies, and is a member of the firm's Audit Committee Team.

Mr. Souza regularly handles private investment transactions, the public offering of securities, and federal and state securities law compliance matters. His experience encompasses corporate acquisitions and divestitures, advising executive management teams and Board of Directors (including Audit Committees), and serving as "outside general counsel" to several companies. He has experience structuring and negotiating domestic and international licensing and distribution transactions for both software and consumer products.

Mr. Souza co-founded UniReach International, Inc., a non-profit organization working among and improving the working, living, medical, and health care conditions of needy persons in developing countries throughout the world. He serves as a founding member of the Board of Directors.

## CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Lake Forest Annexation Task Force for the County of Orange, California, 1999
- Named by the publishers of Law and Politics and Los Angeles Magazine one of the "rising stars" of the Southern California legal community

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Orange County Bar Association – Business and Corporate Law Section, 1998-2000; Chairman, 2000

## ADMISSIONS

- California, 1995

## EDUCATION

Marquette University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995

Southern California College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1987

## RELATED CAPABILITIES

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Infrastructure
- Energy Transition
- Debt Capital Markets
- Power
- Renewables & Storage
- Retail & Consumer Products
- AdTech
- PropTech
- Corporate
- Oil, Gas & Sustainable Fuels

- Start-Up & Venture Capital Practice
- Private Equity

## RESOURCES

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "CEO Compensation and the Role of the Board and Board Committees," Graziadio School of Business and Management, Pepperdine University
- "Does Duty of Care & Duty of Loyalty Still Protect Us as Directors? What does the Enron and WorldCom director settlements mean to directors and their D&O insurance?," Forum for Corporate Directors
- "Director and Officer Duties and Liabilities," Forum for Corporate Directors
- "The Paper Trail – Properly Documenting a Board Meeting," Forum for Corporate Directors
- "Sarbanes-Oxley and Going Dark: Prudent Decision or Potential Disaster," National Teleconference Seminar Series, Strafford Publications