

# **Group of Distinguished Healthcare Transactional Lawyers Ankur Gupta, Sam Wales, Ben Kirschner, and Krista Kay Lewis Join Sidley**

Chicago, Washington D.C. – Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Ankur Gupta, Sam Wales, and Ben Kirschner have joined Sidley as partners in its global M&A and Private Equity practice, together with associate Krista Kay Lewis. They join from McDermott Will & Emery where Gupta was the leader of its global healthcare real estate practice. The arrival of Gupta, Wales, Kirschner and Lewis demonstrates the firm's ongoing commitment to and investment in hiring top talent to augment our healthcare transactional, private equity and real estate capabilities.

Gupta focuses his practice on representing privately and publicly held healthcare, real estate and financial institutions, private equity firms, investment banks and family offices in major healthcare-related real estate, industrial, office, hospitality, multi-family and retail real estate and M&A transactions. He manages all legal components of large domestic and international real estate portfolios for several clients and regularly counsels clients on corporate structure and strategy, internal controls, and risk management issues and best practices.

Wales represents private equity funds, as well as publicly traded and privately held companies, on M&A, joint ventures, and healthcare-related transactions. His work with private equity fund clients includes leveraged buyouts of public and private companies, divestitures, recapitalizations and venture

capital investments. He also advises boards of directors on complex transactions, corporate governance, and other corporate matters.

Kirschner has a broad range of experience working on domestic and international transactional real estate matters. His practice focuses on acquisitions, dispositions, property development, leasing, and joint ventures, with a concentration on healthcare and industrial transactions. He has also counseled clients on large corporate transactions for the real estate portions of their deals.

Lewis represents private equity, investment funds, and privately held companies in connection with domestic and cross-border transactions including mergers, stock and asset sales, acquisitions, venture capital investments, and restructurings. She also provides corporate counsel on matters including corporate governance, securities laws, employment, financing, and executive compensation.

The addition of Gupta, Wales, Kirschner and Lewis follows the firm's recent hires of Frank Rahmani, Nicolai Schwarz-Gondek, Idan Nester, and Andrew Harper to the M&A and Private Equity practice.