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Troutman Pepper Locke Earns USA Law Firm of the Year and Two Deal of the Year Awards From Global M&A Network; Partner Mark Wilhelm Named Rising Star Dealmaker

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NEW YORK – Troutman Pepper Locke secured multiple honors at *Global M&A Network's Americas M&A Atlas Awards*, earning USA Law Firm of the Year and two Deal of the Year awards in recognition of its standout M&A and private equity work. Partner [Mark Wilhelm](#) also received an Americas Rising Star Dealmaker Award.

The awards continue a strong streak of recent recognitions for the firm, following its special situation M&A and distressed investment [Deal of the Year Award](#) honors at *Global M&A Network's Turnaround Atlas Awards* in May, cementing the firm's reputation for delivering exceptional client service and innovative counsel on complex, high-stakes transactions.

USA Law Firm of the Year

The firm was named USA Law Firm of the Year for its outstanding contributions to the dealmaking community and consistent track record of excellence.

Americas M&A Deal of the Year

Troutman Pepper Locke was awarded Americas M&A Deal of the Year for advising [Quikrete Holdings](#) in its acquisition of Summit Materials. The team that represented Quikrete Holdings was led by [David Ghegan](#), [Steven Khadavi](#), [Mark Wilhelm](#), [Brad Boericke](#), [Jonathan Homer](#), [Betty Segaar](#), [Jacob Richards](#), and [Steven Soffer](#).

Americas Private Equity Deal of the Year

The firm also earned Americas Private Equity Deal of the Year honors for its role in advising Mangrove Equity Partners on the sale of PowerParts Group. The Troutman Pepper Locke team that represented Mangrove Equity Partners was led by [Brendan Thomas](#) and [Sam Baker](#).

Americas Rising Star Dealmaker

Wilhelm, partner in the firm's Corporate Practice Group, was named a recipient of the Americas Rising Star

Dealmaker Award. This individual honor recognizes emerging dealmakers under 40 in private equity, growth investing, lending, M&A, and restructuring transactional communities for their achievements, dedication, and talents in closing high-value transactions.

Consistently recognized as a top-tier practice, Troutman Pepper Locke's corporate attorneys regularly handle strategic deals for *Fortune* 100 corporations and middle market transactions for private equity clients. Core areas of service include mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, corporate governance, securities laws compliance, capital markets transactions, and other significant domestic and cross-border transactions, as well as general corporate counseling.

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