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Dean Krishna concentrates his practice on domestic and international tax and business matters. He advises on matters including mergers and acquisitions; registered funds and commercial securities offerings; private fund agreements, investments and structuring; 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 lawyer 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 firm 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

- **Franklin Templeton** in the launch of Franklin Crypto Index ETF, a new index-based, digital asset backed exchange-traded product
- **Special Committee to Blue Owl Capital Corp. III**, a specialty finance company regulated as a business development company, in a merger with Blue Owl Capital Corp.
- **TradePMR**, a custodial and portfolio management platform for Registered Investment Advisors in an approximately \$300 million acquisition by Robinhood Markets, Inc.
- **XPYRIA Investment Advisors**, an independent investment adviser, in a merger with Cerity Partners

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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
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- a finance professional in the sale of their business to an independent, registered investment advisory firm
- **Wedderspoon Organic Group**, the largest seller of New Zealand-sourced and manufactured manuka honey products in North America, in its acquisition by New Zealand-based investment firm Masthead Ltd.
- **Wealth Legacy Institute**, a Denver-based financial planning and investment management firm, in its merger with Cerity Partners, a financial and wealth advisory firm headquartered in New York City
- **CenterSquare Investment Management**, a global real estate investment manager with an equity investment in Aligned Data Centers, one of the largest and fastest-growing private data center developers in the Americas
- **Chatham Financial**, a global leader in financial risk management advisory and technology, in its acquisition of EA Markets
- **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
- **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, "Expanding Your Business to the United States," The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia and Stradley Ronon
- 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)

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- 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”

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