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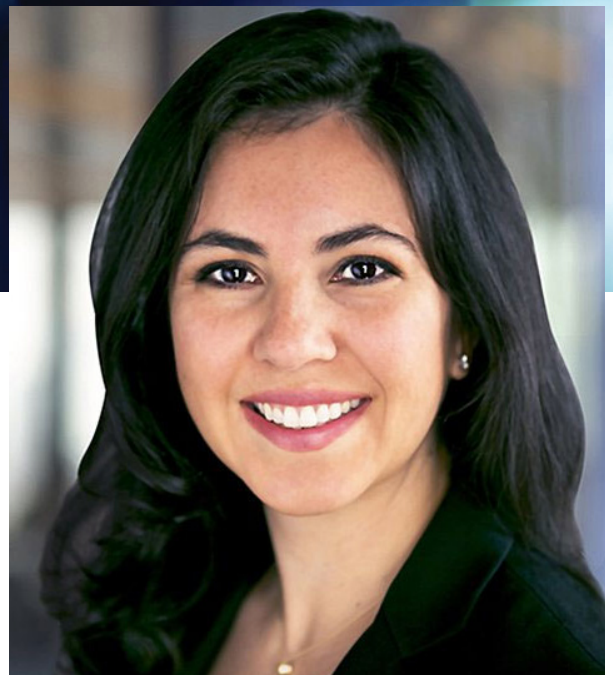
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Practice Profile: Iliana Ongun is a partner in the New York office of Milbank and a member of the firm's Corporate Group. Ongun advises both public and private companies in a wide range of industries in connection with mergers and acquisitions, including cross-border and domestic acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, private equity transactions and spin-offs. She also advises companies and

sponsors with respect to shareholder activism, takeover defense strategies and other corporate governance matters.



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Leadership, Pro Bono and Civic Work: Ongun is a leader at Milbank in the diversity, equity and inclusion space and is highly involved in associate development initiatives and is a member of the Milbank hiring committee.

She was also recently appointed a member of the 2022 class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellows, one of the most comprehensive legal talent development initiatives in the country, designed to help increase diversity at the leadership levels of law firms and corporate legal departments.

Outside of Milbank, she was recently named Chair Elect (effective Sept. 1, 2023) and currently serves as Secretary of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Control Contests.

Prior Experience: Milbank, Partner, 2021–Present; Milbank, Special Counsel, 2019–2021; Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, Associate, 2011–2019

Education: Harvard Law School, J.D., 2010
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What advice would you give to young lawyers?

Young lawyers should focus on understanding how their work product fits into the overall deal, because with so many discrete tasks to complete, it can be easy to miss the big picture. Making the extra effort now to understand the transaction structure will pay off over time as your responsibilities increase.