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Richard J. Sweet is a corporate attorney and Department Chair for Greenberg Glusker's Corporate, Finance & Securities practice.

Rich's background and experience in the automotive industry, coupled with his decades-long expertise in a variety of transactional and regulatory matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, contract negotiations, and debt and equity financing, enables him to provide his clients with a unique approach to practicing law.

Rich represents various business entities including middle-market, automotive, food and beverage, service, real estate, and high-tech companies. He is experienced in advising clients in connection with:

- general corporate and securities matters;
- drafting and negotiating complex limited liability company operating agreements and joint venture agreements;
- drafting and negotiating asset purchase, stock purchase and merger agreements, shareholder agreements, and executive compensation agreements; and
- advising clients in connection with regulatory issues.

Rich is a member of the Bruin Professionals, Century City and a member of the Association for Corporate Growth - Los Angeles. He earned his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law and his B.A. in History from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Prior to earning his B.A. and J.D., Rich earned an Associate Degree in Automotive Technology from Universal Technical Institute (UTI). Upon graduation from UTI, Rich spent years honing his trade in the automotive field, focusing on cutting-edge supplemental restraint technology and automotive electronics.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Speaker Chair, [Bruin Professionals](#), Century City
- Member, Sponsorship Committee, [ACG Los Angeles](#)

Awards

- Listed in *Los Angeles Business Journal's* "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys," 2022
- Listed, *Los Angeles Times* as a Business of Law Visionary, 2021
- Recipient, American Bar Association Legal Opportunity Scholarship
- Alpha Kappa National Honor Society
- Listed, *Southern California Rising Stars*, 2012 & 2014
- Listed, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 2023

Bar Admissions

- California

Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2004)
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., *cum laude*)
 - History

Corporate Experience

- Represented Nutiva in stock purchase and contribution agreement with Hummingbird Management Partners, LLC and Lion Capital.
- Represented Ironman 4x4 in acquisition of US distributor.
- Represented Dehbala Orchards in acquisition of pistachio farms.
- Represented Riot LLC in acquisition of majority interest in Nanoventures LLC, a leading nanotechnology and coatings technology company.
- Represented largest private U.S. auto financing company in the placement of minority equity interest valued at \$250 million to a Japanese conglomerate.
- Represented leading national financing company in strategic restructuring valued at more than \$1 billion.
- Represented premier global provider of international transportation and logistics in secured lending transaction.
- Represented private equity firm in acquisition and expansion of a major chain of sports fitness clubs.
- Part of team who represented Sequential LLC in its sale to Focusrite Investments Inc.
- Part of team who represented Shoreline Treatment Center in its acquisition by Odyssey Behavioral Health, a portfolio company of The Carlyle Group.
- Part of team who represented JW Heating & Air in its acquisition by Service Champions, a portfolio company of Center Oak Partners.

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- Part of team who represented National Coatings Corporation in its acquisition by The Henry Companies.
- Counseled digital media company in negotiations with major movie studio.
- Represented premium home products retailer in \$410 million sale to a public company.
- Represented buyer of theatrical division of a public company.
- Counseled large internet-based company specializing in servicing various needs of the recreational vehicle industry in connection with general corporate and regulatory matters.
- Represented secured lender in connection with foreclosure and sale of assets of a publicly traded borrower, including assets located in the United States, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Australia and Macau.

Insights

January 10, 2023

35 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers

November 28, 2022

Four Partners Recognized in Lawyers of Color's "Law Firm Leaders 2022"
Lawyers of Color

January 24, 2022

Two Greenberg Glusker Partners Selected to LABJ's "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys" List
Los Angeles Business Journal

September 9, 2021

How I Made Practice Group Chairman
Law.com

August 30, 2021

Greenberg Glusker Partners Wendy Lane and Rich Sweet Recognized by Los Angeles Times as 2021 Business of Law Visionaries
Los Angeles Times

April 28, 2021

Greenberg Glusker Advises Sequential on Its Sale to Focusrite
Greenberg Glusker Press Release

July 13, 2020

Greenberg Glusker Represents Service Champions North in Acquisition by Wrench Group LLC

February 18, 2020

Greenberg Glusker Serves as Key Counsel for Client Bell Brothers in its Acquisition by Service Champions

August 12, 2014

Sterling Family Trust Completes \$2 Billion Sale of Los Angeles Clippers to Steve Ballmer

Greenberg Glusker Press Release

June 3, 2014

Quartet of firms handles \$2 Billion LA Clippers sale to former Microsoft CEO

Los Angeles Daily Journal

December 15, 2013

Greenberg Glusker Announces Five New Partners in Los Angeles

Greenberg Glusker Press Release

July 1, 2012

Greenberg Glusker Brings Brian Davidoff and Bankruptcy, Corporate Group on Board

Greenberg Glusker Press Release