Megan Gess Selected Among Top Women Dealmakers in 2022

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Haynes Boone Partner **Megan Gess** was named one of the nation's leading female dealmakers in 2022 by the Global M&A Network, LLC. She was honored with other dealmakers at a virtual award ceremony on May 5.

"These award recipients reflect the very best from private equity, lending, restructuring, financial advisory and law. They have earned the respect and admiration of their colleagues, clients and peers in this vibrant and highly competitive deals industry," said Shanta Kumari, CEO and global group editor at Global M&A Network.

Based in the firm's Orange County office, Megan has extensive experience advising companies on sophisticated M&A, corporate governance, private equity, securities, and commercial transactions. Megan's experience spans a broad range of industries, including food and beverage, financial services, technology, healthcare and life sciences.

She recently led a deal team that advised Toast Spirits LLC in a joint venture partnership with Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits. The joint venture was announced April 4. According to the terms of the deal, Deutsch Family will acquire a minority ownership stake in Beau Joie Champagne, as well as exclusive sales and marketing rights for the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Beau Joie is a Top 16 Champagne in the United States, with distribution in 45 states.

Haynes Boone's M&A Practice Group has comprehensive experience handling middle-market deals, having helped clients close more than 500 transactions in the last five years, with an aggregate value exceeding $40 billion. The firm routinely represents private equity firms, closely held corporations, founders, large financial institutions and Fortune 500 public companies. Haynes Boone has extensive experience advising food, beverage and restaurant clients to help them achieve their strategic business goals and grow their brands and companies.

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