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A first-rate capital markets lawyer, Cathy Birkeland represents well-known Chicago-based companies Hyatt Hotels Corp., Ventas Inc., TransUnion, InvenTrust Properties Corp., Stepan Co., Highlands REIT Inc., Outcome Health, Envoy Global Inc. and various Pritzker family business interests. Birkeland has particular expertise in initial public offerings. She has advised the IPOs of Chicago-based Hyatt, TransUnion, Orbitz Inc. and Click Commerce. She also has been underwriters' counsel for Blackstone Group portfolio companies' IPOs and follow-on equity offerings, including SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. In 2016, Birkeland was engaged by Ventas, a leading REIT, as primary outside counsel for capital markets and securities law matters. Over the past six months, she has led the Latham teams representing Ventas in nearly \$3 billion of securities offerings and bank financings. In May, Birkeland led Hyatt in the sale of common stock by investment funds affiliated with The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., the first registered equity offering since the company's 2009 IPO. For over a decade, Hyatt has relied on Birkeland as primary outside corporate counsel for capital markets, securities law and corporate governance matters.

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