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TOP PRIVATE EQUITY LAWYERS

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Over the past two years alone, Silvera has handled transactions valued at more than \$20 billion combined.

In November, he represented Los Angeles-based private equity firm Leonard Green & Partners LP in its sale of The Brickman Group Ltd., one of the country's largest landscaping companies, to KKR & Co. LP for \$1.6 billion.

He said the deal is one of his favorites of the recent past, noting that the speedy completion was due to the professionalism of the lawyers on both sides. "They were sophisticated and well versed in private equity transactions, which allowed for more efficient and practical solutions to outstanding issues and a quicker 'getting to yes.'"

Silvera again represented Leonard Green in its sale of wedding retailer David's Bridal Inc. to Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC for \$1.05 billion, with Leonard Green continuing as a minority partner.

Silvera was brought as a lead on the Leonard Green team after being personally recommended by some of the senior partners. Silvera is quick to point out that handling a client that size is only possible with a



dedicated team of people from New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

He said the secret to keeping a client happy is hard work and dedication, from the most

'There is no monotony in this practice. No two deals are the same. You get to work with a lot of creative people.'

— James W. Loss

junior associate to the most senior partner. "If need be, we work late nights and weekends to make sure their work is done quickly and without mistake."

As chair of Latham & Watkins' global recruiting committee, Silvera also oversees the hiring of associates for all of Latham's 32 offices.

In his sparse free time, Silvera enjoys skiing, biking and beach going with his wife, Nancy Bruington, a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, and their two young sons.

— Giles Clarke