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Melisa Perez is a partner in the firm's corporate group. Ms. Perez's practice focuses on assisting privately-held companies and their owners in mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, joint ventures, securities offerings, contract negotiations, equity incentive arrangements, resolution of owner disputes and other corporate, partnership and limited liability company matters. She also negotiates employment and separation agreements on behalf of both companies and executives and advises start-up companies on business formation and planning matters. Prior to joining Palmieri Tyler, Ms. Perez was an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, where her practice focused on mergers and acquisitions and corporate counseling of public companies.

Professional Memberships and Activities

- State Bar of California
- Orange County Bar Association
- Association for Corporate Growth, Orange County Chapter

Representative Matters

- Sale of largest privately-owned wholesale distributor of natural and organic products in the United States to largest distributor of specialty food products in North America
- Sale of the largest California-based truckload carrier to one of the nation's largest privately-held transportation companies
- Sale of engineering services company to Berkshire Hathaway company
- Sale of leading manufacturer of private label and branded candy products to private equity group
- Sale of printed circuit board manufacturer to private equity group
- Sale of major regional provider of trucking services to Ryder System, Inc.
- Sale of healthcare management solutions company to private equity group
- Sale of healthcare website company to leading online media company
- Sale of cemetery and funeral business to public company, North America's largest provider of cemetery and funeral services
- Sale of leading California-based packaging company to private equity group
- Sale of wholesale food distributor to ConAgra Foods, Inc.
- Sale of Honda, Volkswagen and Buick/GMC dealerships to one of the nation's largest private dealer groups
- Represented both sellers and buyers in sales and acquisitions of software and software service businesses
- Represented automotive aftermarket companies in sales to strategic buyers and private equity groups
- Represented manufacturer of integrated circuits in several rounds of financing and eventual sale to public company
- Represented foreign public company in connection with its acquisition of California-based biomedical company
- Represented privately-held security products company in merger with public company

- Represented foam manufacturer in buyout of its public company joint venture partner
- Represented leading specialty rental company in acquisition of relocatable classroom business
- Represented early stage investors and companies raising funds in various industries, including food and beverage, mobile apps, jewelry, building products, e-commerce, fashion, real estate, advertising and healthcare

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, B.A., with distinction (1996)
- Stanford Law School, J.D. (2000)

Practice Areas

- Corporate