



## Bill O’Neil Featured in BRG’s *M&A Disputes Report 2025* Discussing Macroeconomic Landscape for Deal Growth and Dispute Challenges

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Winston & Strawn partner Bill O’Neil participated as a contributor in BRG’s annual *M&A Disputes Report*, featuring the best and brightest in this area of practice, highlighting insights and key benchmarking data in support of dealmakers preparing for the 2025 deal market.

The report addresses that after moderate gains in the deal market in 2024, dealmakers are optimistic about improved M&A activity in 2025 due to declining interest rates and inflation, recovering valuations, and investor confidence. However, they face challenges such as new government policies, geopolitical tensions, and regulatory scrutiny, which could hinder M&A activity and increase dispute risks.

Bill specifically delves into buyer best practices and deal evaluations stating, “Generally speaking, PE buyers do better due diligence than your average buyer because they’ve got that aspect of deals professionalised.”

“Once a deal is closed, everyone goes off to celebrate, and they move on, but if people did a post-mortem right after closing-saying here’s a memo showing how the transaction was valued and purchased-disputes lawyers’ lives would be a lot easier,” Bill said.

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Bill’s insights from the report were also featured in Law360’s [M&A Disputes Expected To Jump Once Again in 2025 article](#).

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