

# LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MOST HEAVILY LITIGATED PROVISIONS

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## Agenda

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- What are the most heavily litigated provisions?
  - Focus on post-closing disputes, private company acquisitions
- How to reduce disputes and costs of disputes

## Which provisions are the most heavily litigated?

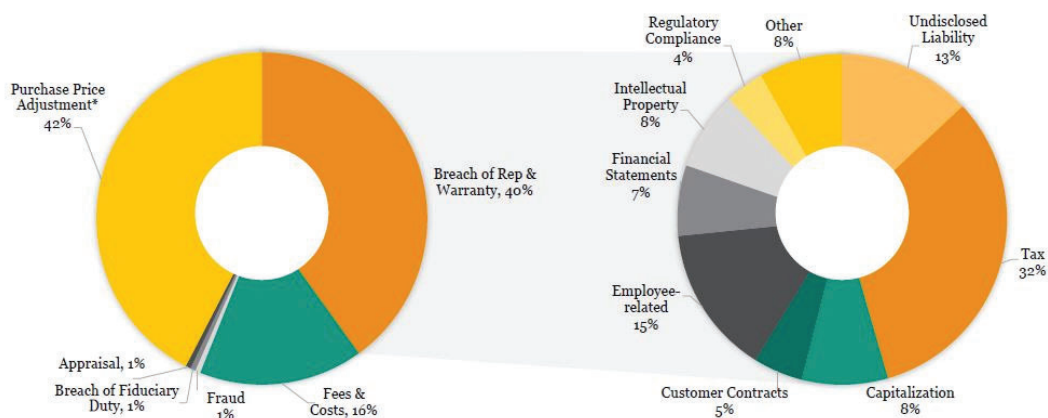
- Reps and Warranties
- Purchase Price Adjustment
- Earnout

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## Deal Set Overview – Claim Subject Matter

Subject matter as % of all claims (~1,000 claims)

Subset: breaches of R&W (~400 claims)



\*Claims pursuant to a post-closing purchase price adjustment mechanism (e.g., working capital).

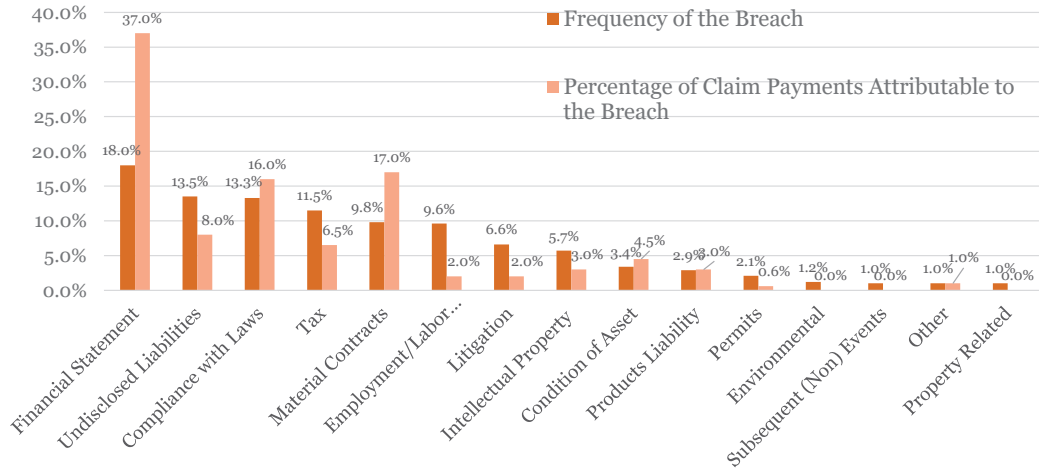
Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100% throughout this study.

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# Reps and Warranties: Type of Breach vs. Percentage of Total Claim Payments

From Aon, Transaction Liability Ins. Claims Study (2020)



## Minimizing Disputes and Costs of Disputes

- Assume “typical” structure
  - Specified survival/notice of claim period
  - Thresholds and Baskets
  - Caps on liability
- Potential for “public style” no-indemnity deals
- Note that these often differ for covenants as opposed to reps and warranties

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