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Education

University of Illinois College of Law
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J. D., *magna cum laude,* 2005
Symposium Editor, *University of Illinois Law Review*

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan
B.A., *summa cum laude,* Music, 2001

Legal Employment

Varnum
Grand Rapids, Michigan 2005
Partner

Practice Areas

Business representation, planning and counseling. Focus on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, securities, distressed asset and restructuring, and commercial transactions. Counseling with respect to corporate governance, regulatory (particularly banking) and other general corporate matters.

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of Michigan

Grand Rapids Bar Association

Catholic Lawyers Association of West Michigan

Community Involvement

Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids (Board of Directors)

Economic Club of Grand Rapids

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Representative Matters

Representing and advising clients in negotiating and documenting merger and acquisition, private equity, securities, distressed asset and restructuring, and commercial transactions, including the following:

- Sale of stock of automotive supplier holding company to private equity fund involving a roll-up transaction of three automotive suppliers and equity rollover by management ($415 million)
- Refinancing of transportation company's debt and working capital on behalf of borrower ($260 million)
- Stock acquisition of wood products manufacturer on behalf of publicly traded company ($50 million)
- Sale of stock of food processing company to private equity fund involving equity rollover ($70 million)
- Refinancing of secured debt facilities of automotive supplier on behalf of borrower ($265 million)
- Preferred stock offering to private equity and hedge fund investors ($30 million)
- Sale of assets of provider of laser cosmetic surgery and related services to private equity fund involving subordinated seller financing consideration ($225 million)
- Sale of assets of insurance premium financing company to strategic buyer on behalf of subsidiary of publicly traded company ($175 million)
- Sale of chain of gas station and convenience stores to a private equity fund ($30 million)
- Acquisition of distressed assets of automotive supplier from bankruptcy on behalf of subsidiary of publicly traded company ($30 million)
- Private investment in public equity (PIPE) transaction involving bank holding company ($26 million)
- Sale of portion of food industry contract-packager to private equity fund involving equity rollover and subordinated seller financing consideration ($250 million)
- Acquisition of portion of business of distressed automotive supplier on behalf of subsidiary of publicly traded company ($20 million)
- Acquisition of office furniture manufacturer on behalf of publicly traded company ($105 million)
- Acquisition of distressed assets of automotive supplier from bankruptcy on behalf of publicly traded company ($5 million)

- Acquisition of manufacturer of walk-in vans and commercial truck bodies on behalf of publicly traded company ($50 million)
- Acquisition of distressed assets of automotive supplier in out-of-court liquidation on behalf of subsidiary of publicly traded company ($15 million)
- Sale of stock of defense and aerospace contractor to private equity fund involving equity rollover by management ($33 million)
- Bank merger involving publicly traded financial institutions
- Several trust preferred securities transactions involving financial institutions (public and private)