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OVERVIEW

Ben focuses his corporate law practice on mergers and acquisitions, securities, and related business matters.

Since joining the firm, Ben has assisted with dozens of commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations, securities offerings, and other corporate finance transactions with deal values that reach into the hundreds of millions. He has also served as lead associate on several transactions, including the acquisition of a registered investment advisor (RIA) and the sale of a hardware manufacturing company to a strategic buyer. Ben has also represented numerous dental professionals through the sale of their practice.

While the focus of Ben's practice is middle market M&A, he also offers guidance on corporate governance matters and commercial contracting. Ben thrives on the challenge of securing the best deal possible, and he's excited to find solutions to any obstacles in the way.

Ben is known for his gift of working with people: he loves partnering with clients, getting to know their businesses, and collaborating to achieve their goals. He excels at walking clients through their transactions, and explaining the legalese involved in various options.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Commercial Contracting

Corporate

Emerging Companies & Venture Capital

ESG Strategy & Compliance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities & Corporate Governance

Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)

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Experience

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

- Assisted in the representation of OmniMax International, a portfolio company of SVP Global, in multiple transactions, including the divestiture of its Fabral and AFP businesses.
- Assisted in the representation of Paric Corporation in multiple transactions, including the acquisitions of Interior Investments, LLC and I3 Group, Inc.
- Assisted in the representation of strategic purchaser in $500M acquisition of global company.
- Assisted in the representation of numerous carve-out transactions.
- Closed numerous sales of dental practices.
- Represented variety of companies and individuals in other transactions, including buy- and sell-side M&A transactions.

CORPORATE

- Assisted in the representation of J.F. Brennan Co., Inc. in connection with the reorganization of the company and its affiliates.
- Negotiated several redemption agreements and buy-out agreements.
- Drafted various corporate documents, including operating agreements, shareholder agreements, bylaws, and corporate consent resolutions.

COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING

- Extensive experience advising clients on commercial contracting matters, including services agreements, supply agreements, confidentiality agreements, and terms and conditions.
- Drafted various contracts for companies of all sizes, including services, supplier, manufacturing, and referral contracts.
- Managed several client's commercial contracting review processes.

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Experience

EMERGING COMPANIES AND VENTURE CAPITAL

- Assisted in the representation of companies in early-stage investments, including Seed rounds.
- Advised clients on early-stage financing, including convertible debt instruments.
- Advised start-ups through corporate formation and day-to-day corporate governance matters.

Education

- J.D., University of St. Thomas School of Law
  - *cum laude*
- B.S., Marquette University
  - Finance & Commercial Real Estate
  - Commercial Real Estate Club, Vice President of Alumni Relations

Admissions

- Wisconsin

Community Leadership

- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Guardianship Clinic
- Young Wishmakers of Wisconsin

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