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Practice Areas

Corporate

Corporate Governance

ESG (Environmental, Social
and Governance)

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Securities

Admissions

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, University of
Wisconsin Law School, *cum
laude*

Bachelor of Arts, University
of Wisconsin-Green Bay,
English



C.J. is a shareholder in the Milwaukee office and co-chair of the firm's Corporate & Securities practices. He focuses on the representation of public companies with respect to offerings of debt and equity securities, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities law compliance and investor relations matters. He also has experience relating to private securities offerings and general corporate and fiduciary matters.

While in law school, C.J. served as an intern for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Anne Walsh Bradley.

Representative Transactional Experience

Accuracy Incorporated — Local counsel in connection with \$277 million acquisition of TomoTherapy Incorporated

Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. — \$75 million private placement of senior notes

Appleton Papers Inc. — \$810 million ESOP buy-out of Arjo Wiggins Appleton p.l.c.; \$335 million debt refinancing transaction

ARI Network Services, Inc. — \$4.6 million secondary offering of common stock; representation in successfully concluded proxy contest; \$140 million acquisition by TrueWind Capital Management, LLC

Associated Banc-Corp. — \$155 million senior notes offering; \$500 million senior and subordinated notes offering; multiple offerings equal to \$365 million in aggregate of preferred equity/depository shares; \$300 million subordinated "baby bonds" offering; \$300 million fixed-to-floating senior notes offering

First Business Financial Services, Inc. — Acquisition of Aslin Group, Inc. (Alterra Bank); multiple private placements of subordinated notes; \$32.5 million private placement of subordinated notes and preferred equity

County Bancorp, Inc. — Initial public offering

Kohl's Corporation — \$650 million senior notes offering; \$500 million senior notes offering; \$1 billion tender offer; client-favorable outcomes in consecutive activist campaigns/proxy contest

ManpowerGroup Inc. — Acquisition of Right Management Consultants, Inc.; multiple Euronote offerings

Representative Transactional Experience

Marshall & Ilsley Corporation — \$4.1 billion acquisition by Bank of Montreal; \$1.7 billion TARP financing; \$1.4 billion in aggregate equity financings; Acquisitions of Mississippi Valley Bancshares, Inc., Gold Banc Corporation, Inc., and First Indiana Corporation; Separation from Metavante Corp.

Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company — Asset purchase and sale transactions

Midwest Air Group, Inc. — Defense of hostile offer by AirTran Holdings, Inc.; Subsequent sale to TPG Capital, L.P.

Modine Manufacturing Company — \$86 million secondary offering of common stock

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated — Underwriter's counsel in secondary offerings of common stock of Douglas Dynamics, Inc., Commercial Vehicle Group Inc., Rosetta Stone Inc. and Sonic Foundry, Inc.

School Specialty, Inc. — Sale to Bain Capital Partners, LLC (terminated); \$200 million convertible subordinated debt offering; \$157 million convertible subordinated debt exchange; \$270 million credit facility refinancing

SharpSpring, Inc. — \$10 million secondary offering of common stock; \$27 million offering of common stock by selling stockholders; \$15 million offering of common stock; \$240 million acquisition by Constant Contact, Inc.

Shopko Stores, Inc. — Sale to Goldner Hawn Johnson & Morrison Inc. (terminated); Subsequent sale to Sun Capital Partners, Inc.

Wisconsin Power and Light Company — Wisconsin counsel in connection with \$250 million debentures offering

Activities

Neighborhood House of Milwaukee — Board of Directors (2013 - present); Board President (2021, 2022); Nominating and Governance Committee Chair (present)

North Shore Montessori School — Member, Board of Trustees (2021 - 2024); Treasurer

Pabst Mansion — Member, Board of Directors

Honors

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Corporate Law, 2019 - present)

Recognized by BTI Consulting Group as Client Service All-Star (2018)

Recognized as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2009, 2012 - 2013)