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Practice Areas

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Finance
- Securities & Corporate Governance
- Emerging & Growth Business
- Intellectual Property & Information Technology

Education

- Wayne State University Law School
J.D.
Magna cum laude
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- Washington & Jefferson College
Bachelor of Arts

Bar admission

- Michigan

Overview

Lee Kellert is co-chair of our Mergers & Acquisitions practice group and works with our Emerging & Growth Business practice group.

Lee represents a wide range of clients in the areas of buy-side and sell-side merger and acquisition transactions of all types, asset purchases, equity purchases, and mergers for a variety of clients, including private equity funds and fund-less sponsors. He works with established operations, entrepreneurs, private equity funds and sponsors, and start-up and growing enterprises in structuring, negotiating and documenting debt and equity financings.

Lee also acts as outside counsel to business clients and their principals, providing advice and strategic direction on day-to-day legal matters as well as long-term planning.

Significant Matters

Representative Mergers and Acquisitions Transactions

- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with the acquisition of a professional engineering and land surveying business
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with the acquisition of a dry cleaning chemical supply and distribution business
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with the acquisition of a precision components manufacturer
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with the acquisition of a food distribution and restaurant supply business
- Represented precision components manufacturer in connection with the acquisition of more than 10 businesses in a 5 year period across multiple industry sectors, including automotive, aerospace and medical
- Represented global insurance restoration and rehabilitation company in connection with more than 20 acquisitions over an 8 year period
- Represented nationwide water and sewer pipe rehabilitation firm in connection with multiple acquisitions over an 8 year period
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with the acquisition of a textile manufacturer
- Represented large scale manufacturing business in a sale to a family office backed buyer
- Represented owner of multiple-location mental health therapy practice in a sale to a private equity buyer
- Represented nationwide industrial services business in a sale to a private equity buyer
- Represented Postle Aluminum Company in a \$150M sale to Thor Industries
- Represented Virginia Candle Company (Smith Mountain Industries) in a \$100M sale to Newell Brands
- Represented specialty food manufacturer in a sale to a private equity buyer
- Represented propane services business in a sale to a publicly traded buyer

- Represented encryption and anti-spam software developer and provider in a sale to a publicly traded buyer
- Represented US-based management team in a \$350M buyout of a German parent company

Representative Financing Transactions

- Represented global insurance restoration and rehabilitation company in connection with initial financing and refinancing of \$500M+ syndicated loan facility
- Represented nationwide water and sewer pipe rehabilitation firm in connection recapitalization transaction, including equity offering and refinancing of senior and mezzanine debt
- Represented precision components manufacturer in connection with recapitalization transaction, including equity offering and refinancing of senior and mezzanine debt
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with acquisitions financing (including equity and senior and mezzanine debt) for multiple new portfolio companies
- Represented entrepreneur in connection with acquisition financing for multiple real estate portfolios
- Represented prototype design and manufacturing business in connection with business, real estate and equipment financing
- Represented precision components manufacturer in connection with equipment financing and capital lease credit facility
- Represented nationwide water and sewer pipe rehabilitation firm in connection with equipment financing and capital lease credit facility

Speaking Engagements

- “How to Prepare your Company for Investors”, webinar Lawrence Technological University, June 23, 2020. [Click here for Webinar](#)

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
- American Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Association

Recognition

- Michigan Lawyers Weekly “Michigan Go To Lawyers” in Business Law
- Super Lawyers magazine Michigan Rising Stars, 2008—2016
- Dbusiness Top Lawyers 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020