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Edward Stone focuses his practice on advising private equity funds, strategic investors, operating companies, and entrepreneurs. Ed represents clients in all aspects of corporate transactions and equity investments, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, leveraged buyouts, divestitures, joint ventures, strategic partnerships, complex commercial arrangements, and general corporate governance matters. His experience spans a variety of industries including energy, financial services, healthcare, health & beauty, infrastructure, logistics, manufacturing, telecommunications, and transportation.

Ed advises and advocates for clients in all stages of the M&A process, from term sheets to closings, in both domestic and cross-border deals. He counsels private equity and venture capital funds, and portfolio companies, in a broad range of corporate transactional matters and on the mechanisms available to them to fund their business ventures, manage corporate governance, negotiate complex business arrangements, and achieve their business goals.

Affiliations

- Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School (Buffalo, NY), Board of Trustees
- Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Western New York
- Harvard University, Admissions Interviewer for Prospective Undergraduate Students

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in New York for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- *Best Lawyers*, 2022-2023, Listed in New York for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law as “One to Watch;” 2021-2022, Listed in New York for Venture Capital Law as “One to Watch”

Areas of Experience

Corporate
Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
M&A and Private Equity

Education

J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2007
B.A., Harvard University, 2004, cum laude

Admissions

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