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Jed Freeland represents buyers and sellers in M&A, leveraged buyout and recapitalization transactions with a focus on representing private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies in a wide range of industries. Jed also has broad experience in corporate restructurings, debt and equity financings, general corporate counseling, employment matters, governance matters and joint ventures.

Jed has worked on numerous high-dollar value transactions, providing strategically tailored advice to serve the best interests of his clients.

Notable Work

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of Branford Castle Partners, L.P. in its acquisition of Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC, the nation's leading provider of rumble strips and related roadway safety services.*

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of Branford Castle Partners, L.P. in its acquisition of Earthlite Massage Tables, a pre-eminent manufacturer and supplier of health and wellness equipment.

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in connection with its acquisition of Old Time Pottery, a home décor chain with stores located throughout the U.S.

Disposition: Representation of one of the world's leading cigar companies and its affiliates in numerous transactions, including the acquisition of a premium Nicaraguan cigar company, the acquisition of manufacturing assets in the Dominican Republic, and a debt and equity investment in an early-stage premium spirits business.

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of a sponsor-owned company in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of grocery

Areas of Experience

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

Education

M.B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 2008
J.D., Columbia Law School, 2002
B.A., Brown University, 1998

Admissions

Bars

Florida
New York

Related Content

Akerman Ranked Among Top Transactional Law Firms in United States by *International Financial Law Review*
August 27, 2024

The Legal 500 Ranks Akerman Among Top National Firms
June 14, 2024

Chambers USA Ranks Akerman Among the Nation's Best Law Firms in 2024
June 06, 2024

stores.

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in connection with a merger of equals by its portfolio company, a payment services provider, with a business led and controlled by a successful entrepreneur, and the subsequent representation of the sponsor in the redemption of the majority of its equity interest in the venture.

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a controlling interest in a jet engine MRO from the founder of the business.

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a water filtration consumer products business from the founders of the business.

Private Equity Acquisition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a medical records retrieval business from the founders of the business.

Strategic Representations: Representation of a US-based privately held provider of audiovisual systems and related services in connection with its (a) simultaneous acquisition of 2 businesses, as well as related debt and equity financings - one of the acquired companies is based in the Mid-Atlantic region, and the other operates and is based in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, (b) acquisition of a specialized integrator of professional audiovisual systems for business, education and government based in the Mid-Atlantic region, and (c) acquisition of an IT, security and consulting business serving customers in business, education and government based in the Northeast.

Disposition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in connection with its sale of battery distribution business to another private equity sponsor.

Disposition: Representation of a private equity sponsor in connection with the disposition of a software and logistics portfolio company.

Disposition: Representation of the debtor in connection with nearly 20 separate asset sale transactions pursuant to Section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Disposition: Representation of an Australian operating company in the education, software and professional development business in the sale of its U.S.-based professional development operations to Weld North, an investment company which operates in partnership with KKR.

Disposition: Representation of the founder and controlling shareholder in the sale of a controlling interest in a logistics and e-commerce business to a consortium of private equity sponsors.

Disposition: Representation of a transportation and workers compensation ancillary services company in a sale to a portfolio company of a private equity sponsor.

Disposition: Representation of majority stockholder in the \$100 million+ merger of a leading online learning services business into a portfolio company of two private equity sponsors.

Published Work and Lectures

- FL Institute of CFOs, Presenter, “Trumpworld: What lies ahead and how it may impact your business - M&A Trends for Post-Election 2017,” 2016
- Florida Venture Forum Boot Camp (Orlando), Panel Participant, “Deal Structure: Experienced VC Counsel Reviews a Term Sheet,” 2015
- ACG Florida Capital Connection, Panel Moderator, “M&A, Private Equity and Capital Markets Update,” 2014

Affiliations

- The Florida Venture Forum, Board Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Chambers USA*, 2021-2024, Ranked in Florida (North and Central Florida) for Corporate/M&A and Private Equity
- *Best Lawyers*, 2020-2025, Listed in Florida for Corporate Law
- *The Legal 500*, 2024, Recommended for Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts: M&A National Middle Market
- *International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000*, Listed as “Highly Regarded” for Private Equity and M&A in Florida