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Services

Corporate and Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions
Corporate, Securities and
Commercial Transactions
Startups and Venture Capital
Securities Regulation
International

Education

Wayne State University Law
School, J.D., 1999
Detroit College of Business, B.B.A.
Schoolcraft College, A.A.S.

Bar Admissions

New York
Michigan

Jeffrey L. LaBine

Principal
Corporate Group Leader
New York Resident Director



A corporate partner in Miller Canfield's Ann Arbor and New York offices, Jeff concentrates primarily on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and other corporate and securities laws matters.

Jeff has represented public and private clients in a variety of U.S. and international transactions including negotiated acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, auctions, carve-out transactions, strategic investments, reorganizations, joint ventures and other corporate matters including representation of:

- Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan in its acquisition of the Detroit "Q-Line" Street Railway System from multiple for-profit and non-profit owner operator entities
- Carl Zeiss Meditec in the final tranche of a multi-tranche, milestone-based Series B investment in PreciseBio Inc., a US and Israeli regenerative medicine company advancing the use of bio-printed tissues and organs
- Mol Belting Systems, Inc., in the "tear out" sale of its North American belting and fabrication business, including consummation of: (i) precursor spin off of Thermdrive hygienic belting solutions operations; (ii) reorganization of China and Hong Kong subsidiaries; (iii) sale of majority US/Chinese joint venture; and (iv) negotiated settlement and separation of US/China joint venture
- CZM Acquisition Corp., in pre-transaction restructuring and the acquisition of Audioptics Medical Incorporated, a Canadian otolaryngological medical diagnostic development company
- Carl Zeiss Meditec Inc., in the structured acquisition of LayerBio, Inc., the developer of a novel bioerodible sustained-release technology for use with any standard intraocular lens (IOL) in cataract surgery, involving a milestone-based

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tranching Series A non-controlling (49%) investment with a corresponding purchase option for remaining equity including a pre-negotiated acquisition price and terms

- Carl Zeiss, Inc., in its acquisition of Capture 3D, Incorporated, the sole US provider of GOM 3D metrological scanners with offices in five states
- Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc., in its acquisition of Katalyst Surgical, LLC, a medical device developer and manufacturer specializing in disposable retinal instruments including laser probes and forceps, advising on all aspects of the transaction
- Bridger Photonics Holdings, Inc., in all aspects of the potential sale of a subsidiary, including initial diligence, corporate restructuring in the preparation for sale, preparing and negotiating the acquisition documents, and DDTC/Export Control analysis
- Carl Zeiss Meditec in its acquisition of micro-interventional cataract surgery technology solutions provider IANTECH, Inc.
- Simon Property Group, Inc., in connection with its \$9.5 billion USD acquisition of Taubman Centers, a real estate investment trust, and acquisition of an 80% stake in Taubman Realty Group
- Carl Zeiss Meditec in sale of hydrophilic intraocular lens manufacturing division spin-out and sale to Shanghai Haohai Biological Technology Co., Ltd.
- Siris Capital Group, LLC and Digital River, Inc. in sale of Blue Hornet Networks, Inc. to Marlin Equity Partners
- Second City Capital Partners II, LP, in spin-out and "roll up" of more than 20 companies holding 16 office properties consisting of 1.85 million sq. ft. of rentable space in five states, and the initial public offering of City Office REIT, Inc.'s common stock
- WorkForce Software, LLC in majority investment by New York-based Insight Venture Partners
- Certent, Inc., the world's largest SaaS stock plan software provider to both public and private companies, in its acquisitions of (i) DisclosureNet, Inc., Canada's recognized leader in SaaS solutions that improve the quality of external and internal reporting, comparison and analysis software (ii) Rivet Software, Inc., the third-largest (by filings) public company financial filings and XBRL tagging service provider in the US in stock acquisition and (iii) OptionAdmin, Inc. a recognized leader in the field of corporate equity management in an asset acquisition
- Compu-Quote, Inc., Canada's largest insurance rating and broker services company, in a nine-figure stock and asset sale to Applied Systems, Inc., a Bain Capital portfolio company
- The Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority in its acquisition of Cobo Center from the City of Detroit
- NCAA in its acquisition of the NIT Tournament
- Michigan's largest multispecialty physician practice group companies in asset sale to one of Michigan's leading physician group practices
- Beacon Specialized Living Services, Michigan's largest specialized living facilities provider, in eight-figure restructuring, spin-out and sale to Pharos Capital Partners III, L.P.
- The Bartech Group, in equity sale to U.S. private equity firm and concomitant creation of only the second certified Minority Controlled Business under NMSDC Growth Initiative

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- Selling shareholders of Swedish multinational industrial safety products company in stock sale to US NYSE-traded company
- NASDAQ traded company in an eight-figure subsidiary asset sale
- Multinational automotive parts supplier in sale of stock and assets of subsidiaries in 18 country product line disposition to private equity fund
- NASDAQ traded company in subsidiary stock sale

Professional Activities

American Bar Association, International M&A Subcommittee, Immediate Past Chair

American Bar Association, Model Joint Venture Agreement Summaries of International Law Supplement, Editorial Board Member

American Bar Association, Business Law Section: Mergers and Acquisitions Committee; International Law Section; Private Equity and Venture Capital Committees

State Bars of Michigan and New York, Business Sections

Honors

Legal 500 US Detroit Elite, Corporate and M&A, Band 1, 2026

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Corporate/M&A, 2013–present

Best Lawyers in America, Corporate Law & Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2023–present

Leading Lawyers, Mergers and Acquisitions, 2014–present

DBusiness Top Lawyers, 2019-present:

- Corporate Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions

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Speeches

"Understanding Your Options for Raising Capital in Michigan," Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, March and July 2016

"Technology, Business Incubation and Entrepreneurship," (Panelist), China Entrepreneur Network 2010 Forum, November 6, 2010

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"Charging Forward: VC, EVs and Other Next Generation Vehicles," (Moderator), Michigan Growth Capital Symposium, May 11, 2010

"Cross Border Investing, Capital Sourcing and Deal Syndication - Partnering with Canadian VCs and Investors," (Panelist), Michigan Growth Capital Symposium, May 13, 2009

"Reversing the Lens: An Acquirer's View of Venture-Backed Companies," (Moderator), Michigan Growth Capital Symposium, May 14, 2008

"Have an Idea, Now What?" (Presenter and Business Plan Competition Judge), TiEcon Midwest 2008, November 21-22, 2008

"Equity Sources," (Panelist), MichBio Annual Meeting, April 22, 2008

"Planning for Mergers and Acquisitions: What happens to employees, benefit plans and unions?" Miller Canfield Annual Employment Law Seminar, October 18, 2007

"Starting Your Own Business - Finance Panel," Starting Your Own Business Bootcamp, Ann Arbor SPARK, September 19, 2007

"Ask the Experts," (Panelist), Ann Arbor Spark Business Bootcamp, May 31, 2007

"Following the Money: Where Angel Investors and Venture Capitalists See Opportunity," Crain's Detroit Business Webinar, March 19, 2007

"Corporate Issues in Acquisitions and Divestitures," Environmental Law Section - State Bar of Michigan, December 9, 2004

Publications

"Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Change to 'Accredited Investor' Definition," Michigan Biosciences Link, October 2010

"Buying a Business: Don't get snagged by hidden liabilities," Detroit Magazine, Detroit Regional Chamber, Fourth Quarter 2004

"Revised Form 8-K: New disclosure items and shorter filing deadlines," Miller Canfield Corporate and Securities Law Update, Summer 2004

"Recent Trends are Fueling Automotive Supplier Consolidation," (Jeffrey Adelman co-author) Enterprise Magazine, Michigan Manufacturers Association, November 1999

"Michigan's Adoption of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act: An Examination of the Changes Effectuated to the State of Fraudulent Conveyance Law," Wayne Law Review, Vol. 45-3 (1999)

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Note, "Sentencing Entrapment: Activism or Interpretation," Wayne Law Review, Vol. 44-3 (1998)

Military

United States Air Force, 1983–88