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Lee Rimler is a member of the Corporate & Business Transactions Team. Lee has a broad-ranging corporate practice, focused primarily on mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions and tax matters.

Lee represents public and private companies and investment funds in connection with negotiated acquisitions and dispositions in both distressed and traditional settings, including mergers, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, going-private transactions and the purchase and sale of securities, assets and business units.

Lee represents private equity sponsors in structuring acquisition and recapitalization transactions, as well as in acquisitions and dispositions involving their portfolio companies. He works extensively in structuring and forming limited liability companies and other alternative entities for use in private equity transactions, joint ventures and other complex business arrangements.

Additionally, Lee counsels management teams in structuring their “rollover equity” and forward-looking incentive compensation arrangements. He has also represented several founders in the sale and disposition of their private companies to private equity sponsors.

Lee received his J.D. from the College of William and Mary and holds an M.S. in taxation and a B.S. in business administration with an accounting concentration. He previously worked as a CPA focusing on tax matters for two Big Four accounting firms.

Representative Experience

Middle Market Private Equity-Backed Transactions

- Represented a full-service energy logistics company in connection with its formation, initial capitalization and subsequent acquisition of several complimentary energy logistics businesses.
- Represented an anatomic pathology laboratory company in connection with its formation and initial capitalization and subsequent acquisition of several specialized laboratory companies.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a Canada-based global manufacturer of cable television equipment, and in the manufacturer’s subsequent add-on acquisition of an Israel-based R&D operation and supplier.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a leading ambulatory surgery center development and management company.
- Represented a security systems integrator in connection with its formation, initial funding and subsequent roll-up transactions.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a leading provider of web-based home health and hospice management software.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its minority investment in a kidney dialysis operator as well as its subsequent majority recapitalization and ultimate disposition.

- Represented a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of an outdoor sporting goods company and subsequent disposition to a private equity firm.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a provider of doctor waiting room programming from a large public company.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in connection with the acquisition and disposition of an owner-operator of more than 50 radio stations.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its acquisition of a provider of fully integrated, cloud-based data and voice solutions to broadband providers in the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean and Brazil, as well as multiple add-on acquisitions and ultimate disposition.

Larger Private Equity-Backed Transactions

- Represented a private equity sponsor in its going-private acquisition of CommScope.
- Represented an Italy-based food service equipment company in its acquisition of the leading manufacturer and distributor of residential and commercial ice machines.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in its sale of a developer of software solutions and support services for trading, risk management, financial and operations professionals.

Public Company Carve Outs

- Represented a private equity sponsor in connection with its carve-out acquisition of a leading provider of touch screen solutions from a public company.
- Represented an Italy-based food service equipment company in connection with its carve-out acquisition of storage and transport business from Emerson Electric.

Owner/Operator Sale/Recapitalization Transactions

- Represented the founders of a North Carolina-based transportation logistics company in recapitalization with a private equity sponsor.
- Represented the founding doctors in connection with the sale of their majority-owned anesthesiology practice management business to a public company.
- Represented the majority owner of a synthetic turf and carpet backing manufacturer in its sale to a private equity buyer.
- Ongoing representation of a Charlotte-based operator of free-standing, professional digital imaging studios.
- Represented John Moretz in connection with the sale of GoldToeMoretz to Blackstone and subsequent sale to Gildan.
- Represented the owners of a Charlotte-based secure check writing business in its sale.
- Represented the owners of a printing business in its sale to a strategic acquirer.
- Represented Mitchell Gold & Bob Williams in connection with the recapitalization of their premier home furnishing business.

Strategic Acquisitions/Dispositions

- Represented WebMD in more than a half dozen strategic dispositions of business lines and/or groups.
- Represented a public company in the disposition of a candle manufacturing business.
- Represented a face-to-face marketing business in multiple add-on acquisitions.

Other Matters

- Designed and implemented internal restructurings in a variety of settings – reorganizations, distressed situations and tax planning.
- Represented numerous management teams in connection with their rollover equity and terms of their forward-looking incentive equity.
- Represented an online real estate company in connection with its joint venture with a strategic operator.

Education

- William & Mary (J.D., 1994)
- Villanova University (M.S., 1991)
- Virginia Commonwealth University (B.S., 1989)

Admitted to Practice

- North Carolina
- Virginia

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