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Bob Wild advises small and mid-cap publicly traded issuers on day-to-day federal securities law disclosure and compliance and board corporate governance. Mr. Wild represents issuers in follow-on and secondary underwritten offerings of equity, senior debt, Rule 144A high-yield offerings and related registered exchange offerings, and PIPE transactions.

Mr. Wild also represents buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions and divestitures of stock and assets. He has represented retailers, manufacturers, public accounting firms, consulting firms, wireless carriers, gaming companies, credit card issuers and bank holding companies.

Bob serves as the Regional Executive Partner of the Firm's Chicago Office.

PRACTICE AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Securities
- Financial Institutions
- Business, Acquisitions & Securities
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans - ESOPs

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advise public companies on SEC compliance and corporate governance
- Represent companies in public and private stock and debt offerings
- Represent public and private companies and banks in mergers, purchases and sales of businesses and assets
- Represent parties in ESOP formations and sales of ESOP companies

Notable Securities Offerings

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- Issuer counsel in regional bank holding company's \$115 million IPO and listing on NASDAQ
- Issuer counsel in underwritten \$175 million senior notes offering for publicly-traded regional bank holding company and underwritten common equity offerings for publicly-traded long-term care facilities developer
- Counsel to independent board members of subject company in \$240 million common stock tender offer of NYSE-traded national restaurant operator

Notable Mergers and Acquisitions

- Representation of ESOP trustee as sole shareholder in a cash sale for \$1.7 billion
- Representation of publicly-traded regional bank holding company in multiple acquisitions of public and privately-held bank holding companies with aggregate purchase consideration exceeding \$750 million in registered common stock and cash
- Representation of publicly-traded regional bank holding company in the acquisition of Chicagoland branches and loan portfolio and assumption of deposit liabilities from publicly-traded bank holding company operating in multiple regions throughout the United States and the acquisition of privately held equipment leasing company
- Representation of Board and majority shareholders of privately held healthcare provider in the sale of 100% of its shares to a newly-formed ESOP for in excess of \$70 million
- Representation of privately held industrial manufacturer in the cash sale of international divisions to NYSE-traded acquirer for approximately \$56 million

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (J.D., 1989)
 - Loyola Consumer Law Review, Executive Editor
- DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois (M.S.T., 1987)
- Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (B.B.A., 1983)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

- Society for Corporate Governance, 2016 National Conference - "Managing the Private Company Board," Colorado Springs, CO June, 2016
- Society for Corporate Governance, 2017 National Conference - "Private Companies: Issues with Unique Complications," San Francisco, CA June, 2017

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Society for Corporate Governance, Chicago Chapter, 2008 - Present (Advisory Committee, Co-Chair Programs Committee); 2015 and 2017 National Conference Committee

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- Chicago Waldorf School, Board of Trustees, 2009 - Present (Chair, Audit Committee)
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, Board of Directors, 2006 - Present
- Pedersen-McCormick Club of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, Board of Managers, 2006 - Present
- The John Marshall Law School, Guest Lecturer - Business Planning and Drafting Course Class on Mergers and Acquisitions Agreements, 2013 - Present

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Best Lawyers in America©, Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2010–2018
- Best Lawyers in America©, Securities Regulation, 2011–2018

PUBLICATIONS

- "Designing an Effective Securities Compliance Program", 2014–2015 ed. (Vol. 10, Corporate Compliance Series)

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