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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. Bob represents issuers in initial public offerings, follow-on underwritten offerings of equity, senior debt, Rule 144A high-yield offerings and related registered exchange offerings.

Bob also represents buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions and divestitures of stock and assets.

He has represented bank holding companies, a federal home loan bank, mission-based investment funds, and companies in the manufacturing, business consulting, automobile warranty, wireless telecom, and gaming sectors.

Bob serves as the Regional Executive Partner of the 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 bank holding companies in mergers, purchases and sales of businesses and assets
- Represent parties in ESOP formations and sales of ESOP companies

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Notable Securities Offerings

- Issuer counsel of NASDAQ-listed regional bank holding company's \$115 million IPO and \$50 million underwritten public offering of preferred shares
- Issuer counsel in underwritten \$175 million senior notes offering of NASDAQ-listed 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 trustees as 100% shareholders in multiple cash sales exceeding an aggregate of \$1.9 billion
- Representation of NASDAQ-listed regional bank holding company in multiple acquisitions of public and privately-held bank holding companies with purchase consideration exceeding an aggregate of \$1.5 billion in registered common stock and cash
- Representation of NASDAQ-listed 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 a privately-held equipment leasing company (transaction values not disclosed)
- 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 cash, notes and warrants in excess of \$70 million
- Representation of privately-held industrial manufacturer in the cash sale of international divisions to NYSE-listed acquirer for in excess of \$55 million

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (J.D., 1989)
 - Loyola Consumer Law Review, Executive Editor
- DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois (Master of Science in Taxation, 1987)
- Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (B.B.A., Public Accounting, 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

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- 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 Membership Committee); 2015 and 2017 National Conference Committee
- The John Marshall Law School, Guest Lecturer - Business Planning and Drafting Course Class on Mergers and Acquisitions Agreements, 2013 - Present
- Chicago Waldorf School, Board of Trustees, 2009 - 2018; Audit Committee Chair, 2009 - Present
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, Board of Directors, September, 2006 - June, 2018
- Pedersen-McCormick Club of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, Club Council, June, 2006 - May, 2019
- Loyola Academy Class of 1979 Reunion Committee

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Best Lawyers in America©, Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2010–2021
- Best Lawyers in America©, Securities Regulation, 2011–2021

PUBLICATIONS

- "Designing an Effective Securities Compliance Program", 2003–2015 editions (Vol. 10, Corporate Compliance Series)

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