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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.

Education

- J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 1989
 - Loyola Consumer Law Review, Executive Editor
- Master of Science in Taxation, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, 1987
- B.B.A., Public Accounting, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 1983

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois

Practices

- Business Services
- Securities
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance

Industries

- Financial Services
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans

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

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

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 & Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America©, Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2010-2022
- Best Lawyers in America©, Securities Regulation, 2011-2022
- Illinois Leading Lawyers, 2022

Seminars & Presentations



- 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

Publications

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

Certifications

- Legal Lean Sigma® White Belt