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Bob Criswell is a partner in the firm's Corporate and Securities Group. He concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, as well as general corporate and financing matters. His practice consists of the representation of publicly and privately held companies in a variety of industries including financial services, banking, industrial products, media and real estate.

Bob also works with corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships and their principals in virtually all aspects of their formation and financing.

Representative Matters

- Represented a bank holding company in connection with its acquisitions of banks and bank holding companies
- Represented a state pension fund in connection with its acquisition of a controlling interest in a holding company for a network of radio stations
- Represented an equipment leasing company in connection with the sale of its assets
- Represented a company in the steel industry in connection with its sale to a publicly traded steel company
- Represented a publicly traded conglomerate in connection with its acquisition of an on-line travel business
- Represented a financial services company in connection with its acquisition of an investment advisor
- Represented an investment advisor in connection with numerous joint ventures (using limited liability companies) with other investment advisors
- Represented an insurance company in connection with the sale of its portfolio of limited partnership interests in hedge funds and private

Admitted

Illinois, 1994

Education

DePaul University College of Law, J.D., 1994

University of Wisconsin - Madison, B.A., with honors, 1990

Practice Focus

Bank Mergers and Acquisitions and Regulatory Applications
Broker-Dealers
Business Contracts
Business Succession Planning
Corporate Counseling
General Corporate
Investment Advisers
Investment Management
Lease Finance
Mergers and Acquisitions
Portfolio Acquisitions and Sales
Private Funds: Fund/Sponsor Representation

equity funds

- Represented a state pension fund in connection with its acquisition of the assets of a company in bankruptcy
- Represented a food manufacturer in connection with its acquisition of the assets of another food manufacturer
- Represented a mezzanine fund in connection with the sale of its stock in a portfolio company
- Represented a financial services company in connection with its acquisition of the assets of a software company

Publications

- Co-author, "Illinois limited liability company operating and maintenance issues," Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Illinois Business Law Series, LLCs and Partnerships, 2005 edition

Presentations

- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education and Chicago Bar Association seminars on limited liability company management structures

News

October 11, 2021

Chapman Serves as US Legal Counsel to PSPDFKit in Initial Growth Investment of More Than €100 Million

Notable Engagements



Social Impact Fund Formation

January 2021

Chapman served as counsel to a social impact fund managed by Local Initiatives Support Corporation that provides project loans to acquire, preserve, and improve affordable housing in the Detroit metropolitan area. Chapman assisted in the formation of the fund, which involved raising capital through multiple credit facilities with local, regional, and national financial institutions.