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Gregory Wright represents corporations, investors and entrepreneurs in complex M&A and financing transactions, as well as corporate law matters which arise in the course of their day-to-day operations. He is focused on understanding his clients' strategic objectives with the ultimate goal of helping them build and grow their businesses.

Greg advises clients at all stages of evaluating, structuring, negotiating and closing complex corporate transactions including asset purchases and sales, equity purchases and sales, divestitures and restructurings. He also works with both borrowers and lenders in connection with the negotiation and documentation of loan agreements and other financing transactions. When businesses or entrepreneurs seek to raise capital from investors, Greg assists in private placements of securities by managing the preparation of offering materials, managing relationships with potential investors and preparing and submitting appropriate federal and state securities filings.

Greg is a member of the Board of Directors of the Notre Dame Club of Chicago and the IrishAngels investor group. He has served as a Junior Leadership Board Member for the National Immigrant Justice Center and as a board member for a Chicago charter school.

Experience

- Represented the sole shareholder of a North American franchisor of supermarket-based food service counters in the sale of the company to a publicly-traded Japanese food service company for \$257 million.
- Represented a private equity client in the purchase of equity in a Midwestern metalworking company and the negotiation of an ongoing relationship with a team of



Education

Notre Dame Law School, J.D., cum laude, 2005

University of Notre Dame, B.A., magna cum laude, 2002

Admissions

Illinois

Michigan

New York

Practice Areas

Corporate, Finance & Acquisitions

management investors; drafted and negotiated a purchase agreement and closing documentation, coordinated the due diligence process and managed the negotiation of financing documents with two senior lenders and a subordinated lender.

- Guided an owner of a food service industry equipment manufacturer in the sale of all equity interests of a company to a strategic buyer; negotiated a letter of intent, purchase agreement, closing documentation and an employment agreement for a principal; coordinated sell-side due diligence in connection with the proposed receipt of buyer equity as consideration.
- Advised a group of investors in the acquisition of the majority stake in a craft brewery in the southwestern United States; drafted and negotiated a purchase agreement and limited liability company agreement with a seller regarding the post-closing operation of business.
- Counseled a private equity client in the acquisition of equity of a limited liability company engaged in the provision of digital and conventional printing and marketing services; designed transaction structure, drafted and negotiated a purchase agreement and closing documentation; managed and handled due diligence and closing.
- Represented shareholders of a closely-held corporation engaged in the provision of commercial aviation services in the repurchase of equity from a third party shareholder and subsequent stock sale to a private equity purchaser; negotiated a purchase agreement, managed due diligence review and prepared disclosure schedules, drafted closing documentation and managed the transaction closing.
- Assisted an electric cooperative in the \$127 million acquisition of distribution assets from a public company and divestiture of assets to its member cooperatives in twelve simultaneous asset sales; assisted in drafting of purchase agreements, transaction documents and disclosure schedules, managed due diligence process and handled all closings.
- Guided a local mass transit district in preparing for and conducting monthly trustee meetings in compliance with Open Meetings Act.
- Advised a U.K.-based online retailer in connection with entity formation and licensing matters for new limited liability companies established to conduct business in the United States.
- Counseled an issuer of equity in the new location of a national bar and restaurant concept in the review and revision of an operating agreement and offering memorandum; also handled securities compliance matters for a client.

- Drafted and negotiated an agreement for purchase of rolling stock by a not-for-profit client set to build and operate a passenger light rail system.
 - Represented real estate developers in the successful capital raise through private placement including formation of a limited liability company, drafting and negotiation of a limited liability company agreement, preparation of an offering memorandum and submission of filings to federal and state regulators.
 - Advised a real estate developer in the negotiation of a joint venture and purchase of real estate by a joint venture for the purpose of constructing multi-unit residential development.
 - Assisted a private real estate brokerage in the negotiation and drafting of limited liability company agreements for various joint ventures for the purchase and development of retail stores.
 - Drafted and negotiated loan documentation for a \$53 million multi-lender revolving loan facility.
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Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Association for Corporate Growth: ACG Global
 - IRISHANGELS
 - Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwestern Ontario
 - National Immigrant Justice Center, Junior Leadership Council
 - Notre Dame Club of Chicago
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Distinctions

- *Leading Lawyers* - Emerging Lawyer, 2020-2021