



I find successful M&A transactions especially rewarding because in general both sides are happy, having achieved the goals they hoped to accomplish.

overview

Fred Strasheim provides solution-oriented advice on complex transactions by understanding his client's goals and structuring his counsel to help achieve those goals while managing risk.

With more than 30 years working with clients ranging from small family-owned businesses to Fortune 100 companies in many industries, Fred focuses on corporate and transactional law, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, commercial law and general corporate representation. He has successfully represented clients in U.S. and cross-border transactions ranging from a few million to several billion dollars. While focused primarily on M&A transactions, Fred regularly assists clients with general commercial needs and for some serves as outside general counsel.

For Fred, the legal provisions and terms in any transaction, while extremely important and relevant, are far from the only component of a transaction's success. The real key is "getting the economics right." Fred is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA charterholder), often considered to be the equivalent of holding a master's degree in finance. With M&A transactions at the core of Fred's practice, his ability to fully understand and counsel clients on the economics of the deal is critically important and distinguishes Fred from many attorneys who work in the M&A space. Clients, including the serial acquirers Fred represents, appreciate his deep understanding of finance and valuation.

Fred is proud that Thompson Reuters "Stand-out Lawyers" surveys have acknowledged the solid client relationships he builds. He prides himself in being highly responsive and always available, and also makes a point of proactively making clients aware of new or proposed legislation or litigation likely to affect them. For example, passage of the Corporate Transparency Act has been a source of client concern, and Fred, who chairs the firm's Corporate Transparency Task Force, regularly counsels clients on compliance.

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- German

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MY SERVICES

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, J.D., 1992
Northwestern University, B.A., *with Highest Distinction*
(*Top 2% of Class*), 1988

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

affiliations

Professional

- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Nebraska State Bar Association
- CFA Institute
- CFA Society of St. Louis

Community

- Board of Trustees, Missouri Historical Society
- Board of Directors, CFA Society of St. Louis

recognitions

- Listed in “The Best Lawyers in America” 2013-2023 in the areas of Mergers & Acquisitions Law and Venture Capital Law
- Listed in the POWER List for Mergers and Acquisitions by Missouri Lawyers Media, 2023-2024
- CFA® Charterholder
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rated

in my free time

I'm an avid tennis player, a foreign language enthusiast, and a guy who wants to travel everywhere. So far, I've been to every continent except Africa, including Antarctica. I've lived in Germany and speak fluent German, with some facility in Spanish, French and several others. Wherever I go, I find the history, the geography and the languages spoken fascinating.