

Kelly L. Stout

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Kelly is highly regarded by his colleagues for his corporate finance knowledge and experience, especially relating to mergers and acquisitions, corporate formation and capital raises and other complex business transactions.

Private equity funds and businesses in key industries rely on Kelly to structure their most complex financings and transactions. Kelly skillfully navigates and closes domestic and cross-border M&A deals and capital markets transactions, and advises companies on the increasingly complex challenges and opportunities relating to securities laws and corporate governance.

He has significant experience assisting companies through acquisitions and sales of businesses and complex joint ventures. His capital markets experience and knowledge encompasses public and exempt offerings of securities and the issuance of high yield and investment grade debt securities. Kelly also advises companies with respect to corporate governance matters and interactions with shareholders and with respect to Securities Act reporting requirements.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Corporate Finance
Public Companies, Securities & Capital Markets
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Venture Capital & Emerging Companies

ADMISSIONS

Missouri, 2013
New York, 2010

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D., 2009
Cornell International Law Journal, Managing Editor
Kansas State University, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2006

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EXPERIENCE

In the past few years alone, Kelly has represented clients in acquisitions and sales of technology, waste management, biotechnology and home security companies, the sale of a communications business and several joint ventures relating to the oil and gas and waste management industries. He has also formed several investment funds and has assisted companies in the FinTech industry through capital raises.

Kelly advises on public and private offerings of equity and debt securities, including public offerings for Spire Missouri Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Spire Inc. (NYSE: SR) of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of its Series First Mortgage Bonds, EPR Properties (NYSE) of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes and H&R Block, Inc, (NYSE) of \$1 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes.

He also routinely handles private securities offerings for key industry clients and has represented investors, including family offices in connection with multimillion dollar venture capital transactions.

In the course of his career, Kelly has structured corporate finance transactions for market-leading companies and financial institutions conservatively estimated at more than \$13 billion.*

Prior to joining the firm, Kelly was an associate in the New York office of a global law firm where he advised financial and corporate clients on capital markets and other corporate transactions.

NEWS

Stinson M&A Attorneys Analyze Delaware Court Ruling Invalidating Stockholder Agreement in *New York Law Journal*

03.18.2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ACC Mid-America – Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance 7.12.2023

2025 Business Law Update

02.27.2025

Directors' Institute and 2025 Proxy Season Workshop

11.07.2024

2024 M&A Boot Camp

09.12.2024

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Directors' Institute and 2024 Proxy Season Workshop
11.09.2023

Directors' Institute and 2023 Proxy Season Workshop
11.17.2022

Directors' Institute and 2022 Proxy Season Workshop
01.13.2022

PUBLICATIONS

- "[Delaware Court Invalidates Portions of Stockholder Agreement](#)," *New York Law Journal*, March 2024
- "Update on Director and Officer Compensation: Say-on-Pay/Clawback/Proxy Advisory Voting Policies" White Paper, Directors Institute & 2013 Proxy Season Workshop, November 2012