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BIOGRAPHY

Peter Van Cleve's practice focuses in the area of business and transactional counseling. Mr. Van Cleve has extensive experience representing private equity firms and privately held businesses, and his work for these entities has included formation and structuring advice, capital raising assistance, mergers & acquisitions and corporate partnering.

Within BCLP, Mr. Van Cleve served as the Global Departmental Managing Partner for Corporate (April 2018- May 2020) and was a member of the firm's Management Committee (2011-2020), which manages the day-to-day worldwide operations of the firm. From October 2004 to April 2011, Mr. Van Cleve was Managing Partner of the firm's St. Louis office.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- BCLP LGBTQ Lawyers Affinity Group / Allies Program
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, St. Louis Lawyer of the Year - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2015
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law; M&A Law, 2023
- Missouri Botanical Garden, Corporate Council
- Washington University Law School, National Council
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Member, Board of Trustees
- St. Louis Symphony, Board of Trustees, 2020 – present

COMMITTEE CONTENT

- Management Committee (Chair)

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 1989
- Illinois, 1986

EDUCATION

Washington University, J.D., Order of the Coif, 1986

Princeton University, A.B., 1980

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- AdTech
- PropTech
- Corporate
- Aviation, Aerospace & Defense
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory

- Private Equity

EXPERIENCE

- Advised private equity firm in connection with health care related acquisitions in medical laboratory and specialized home care fields
- Provided comprehensive advice to financial services firm with respect to formation & structuring issues and assisted with capital raising
- Advised middle-market company in a transaction in which a private equity firm purchased 49% equity position and provided related debt financing
- Served as counsel to management group in connection with employment and equity issues for middle-market leveraged buyout by private equity firm
- Advised private equity firm in connection with significant minority position in pre IPO electronic data storage company and selling stockholder issues in connection with subsequent public offering
- Provided succession planning for family-owned business
- Provided formation and capital raising advice for online “virtual world” start-up
- Assisted buyer in connection with acquisition of assets through bankruptcy proceeding Section 363 sale process
- Advised public company Board of Directors in connection with tax-free spin-out of subsidiary

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