



## **PAUL M. WILLIAM**

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Paul William concentrates in the areas of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and SEC reporting. He represents issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings of equity and debt securities, including high yield Rule 144A and Regulation S offerings. He has significant experience representing clients in the negotiation and documentation of secured, syndicated and leveraged loans, including term, revolving and bridge loan facilities. He regularly advises and prepares periodic reports for public companies as required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. In his career, Mr. William has counseled issuers, underwriters and initial purchasers in offerings of debt and equity securities worth over \$5 billion and represented lenders and borrowers in loan facilities totaling over \$32 billion.

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Missouri, 2008
- New York, 2004

## **EDUCATION**

Fordham University, J.D., 2003

William Jewell College, B.A., 2000

## **RELATED CAPABILITIES**

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Strategic Alternatives & Corporate Reorganization
- Corporate
- Debt Capital Markets
- Agribusiness
- Food & Beverage
- Restaurants, Pubs & Clubs
- Food & Agribusiness
- Securities & Corporate Governance
- Tax & Private Client

## **EXPERIENCE**

Mr. William represents clients in tender offers, exchange offers, mergers, stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, recapitalizations, going-private transactions, corporate and limited liability company governance and other general corporate matters. Selected representations include:

- Advising special committee of public company client in \$3.2 billion recapitalization and concurrent \$1.5 billion split-off of 48% stake by majority shareholder pursuant to an exchange offer.
- Representing a limited liability company's board of managers in a going-private transaction taking the form of a recapitalization of membership units.

- Numerous debt financings, including notes issued to finance private equity acquisitions, ranging in size from \$100 million to multi-billion.
- Preparing universal shelf registration statements, for the future issuance of common stock, preferred stock, notes, warrants and/or units in amounts up to \$100 million.
- Private placements of equity and debt securities in Regulation D/Rule 506 offerings.
- Preparation of proxy materials and transaction documents for the sale of a closely-held corporation to a public corporation.
- Listing client's securities for trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

He also regularly counsels issuers with respect to a broad range of issues, including:

- SEC reporting requirements;
- Corporation and limited liability company formation;
- Sarbanes-Oxley compliance;
- Audit, compensation and corporate governance committees;
- Shareholder proposals; and
- Section 16, Rule 144, Rule 10b5-1 and related issues.