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Practice Areas

Business Counseling
Nonprofit Law
Mergers & Acquisitions

Admitted

New Jersey
New York

Education

Duke University Law School, J.D., with
Distinction and Order of the Coif
Bucknell University, Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*

Jim practices corporate law with a focus on corporate governance, complex business transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and financings. He served as Chairman of Archer's Board of Directors from 2002 to 2019 and Chair of the firm's Corporate Department from 1991 to 2013.

Throughout his career, Jim has represented companies ranging from Fortune 100 corporations and small and middle-market companies, to closely-held businesses. A strategic advisor known for his problem-solving capabilities and thoughtful analysis, Jim understands his clients' business and is committed to their growth.

Jim regularly advises companies and boards of directors with respect to corporate governance, including fiduciary, regulatory, legal risks and obligations, executive compensation, corporate structure, corporate and executive succession planning, shareholder relations and resolution of shareholder conflict. He has acted as outside general counsel to nonprofit organizations, including business and trade groups, cultural institutions, scientific organizations and urban development corporations. Jim brings a wealth of knowledge to this role through both his practice and his personal experience serving in volunteer leadership positions with the board of trustees of several nonprofit organizations.

Clients appreciate Jim's highly personable and straight-forward approach. He always has his clients' best interests in mind. A skilled attorney, he has represented numerous buyers and sellers of businesses in large, sophisticated transactions, including the sale or purchase of publicly-traded companies, acquisitions involving financially-distressed sellers, purchases of intellectual property rights, foreign acquisitions, and acquisitions with purchase prices ranging to over a half- billion dollars.

Jim has been involved in financings involving virtually every type of financing vehicle, including public and private financings, bank financings, foreign placements of debt, venture capital fundings, the sale of convertible debt, sale/leaseback transactions, and asset securitizations. Financings have ranged from routine bank financings to complex structures up to one-billion dollars.

Representative Experience

- Advised the Board of Directors of public and private companies with respect to their fiduciary, regulatory and legal obligations.

- Represented closely-held corporation with respect to family shareholder conflict.
- Represented private company in structuring equity compensation program.
- Represented acquirer in the purchase of the assets of a financially distressed competitor, for a total consideration of over \$400 million.
- Represented borrower in a syndicated one billion dollar asset back securitization.
- Represented privately-held business in its merger with a publicly-traded competitor, resulting in the elimination of a competitor and the client becoming a publicly-traded entity.
- Represented major fleet leasing company in the formation of a titling trust and subsequent financing transactions involving over \$3 billion of debt financing.
- Represented non-profit institution in spin-off of for-profit venture.
- Represented public company in its going-private transaction.
- Formation and subsequent representation of major new regional cultural institution.
- Represented nationally known research institute in its European joint venture.
- Represented client in its initial and secondary public offerings.
- Represented borrower in its \$500 million dollar TALF (Term Asset-Back Securities Loan Facility) financing.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors of UM Holdings, Ltd. (formerly United Medical Corporation)
- Member, Board of Directors of Cybex International, Inc. (1997 to 2013)
- Member, Board of Directors of South Jersey Bancorp
- The Union League of Philadelphia (held various leadership positions)
- Member, Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia
- Member, Executive Committee, Coopers Ferry Partnership (Vice Chair of the Board of the Greater Camden Partnership prior to its merger with Coopers Ferry Partnership)
- Trustee, Foundation for Individual Liberty
- Member, Steering Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Energy Action Committee
- Member, Business Advisory Council of the School of Business at Rutgers/Camden
- Member, President's Council, Washington College (2012 to 2018)
- Past Chair, Board of Trustees of PENJERDEL (tri-state organization of business leaders)
- Past Chair, Board of Trustees of the Center for Aquatic Sciences (education, science and community outreach organization)
- Former member, Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey