



Tom Litz

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PRACTICES

- Corporate Finance
- Securities
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Business Organizations

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., cum laude, 1982, Editor, The Tax Lawyer
- Georgetown University, B.S.B.A., magna cum laude, 1979

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Alter Trading Corporation
- Eagle Private Capital, LLC
- Edward Jones
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company
- Maritz Holdings Inc.
- Missouri State Employees' Retirement System
- Missouri Technology Corporation
- Noble Roman's
- Prolog Ventures, LLC
- Zoltek Companies, Inc.

AFFILIATIONS

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Tom is a veteran M&A and corporate finance attorney who provides clients with common-sense solutions to address complex transactional issues.

He co-chairs Thompson Coburn's Corporate Department and also serves on the Firm's Management and Executive Committees.

Drawing on his more than 35 years of experience, Tom leads transactions across the country for companies in a wide range of industries and geographies, including acquisitions and divestitures involving strategic parties and private equity sponsors. Tom takes a solution-oriented approach to transactions and marshals the cross-discipline resources of the Firm — including tax, employee benefits, intellectual property and environmental advice — to execute challenging transactions and help clients anticipate and effectively manage risk.

Tom represents clients in a variety of corporate finance transactions, including venture capital and private equity investments and institutional debt and equity financings. He has also counseled clients involved in offensive and defensive shareholder activist efforts.

Tom has extensive experience representing institutional investors such as pension systems and endowments with their exposure to alternative investments, as well as investment managers, venture capital funds, and private equity sponsors. As part of this very active practice, Tom has unique experience advising public employee retirement systems and endowments and counseling them on evolving market trends.

For all corporate clients, Tom provides regulatory advice on the constantly evolving securities laws and rules affecting public and private companies, institutional investors and managers.

Recognitions

- Named Lawyer of the Year for Securities Regulation in St. Louis by The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2022
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, 2007-2023 (by BL Rankings)
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Securities/Capital Markets in St. Louis by Best Lawyers, 2013, 2021 (by BL Rankings)

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 1990-Present, Associate, 1982-1989

COMMUNITY

- Missouri Technology Corporation, Counsel, 2009-Present
- Missouri Venture Capital Roundtable, Member, 2000-2004
- Technology Gateway/Capital Formation Sub Committee, Chair, Legislative Working Group, 1998-2000
- Lucky Lane Early Childhood Association, Board Member, 1992-1994

- Named Lawyer of the Year for Corporate Governance Law in St. Louis by The Best Lawyers in America, 2016; 2018, 2020 (by BL Rankings)
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Venture Capital Law in St. Louis by The Best Lawyers in America, 2017; 2019 (by BL Rankings)
- Named a Best M&A Provider by St. Louis Small Business Monthly, 2017
- Listed in Chambers USA - Band 1 for Corporate/M&A in St. Louis, 2012-2022 (by Chambers & Partners)
- Listed in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, 2005-2021 (by Thomson Reuters)
 - Top 50 in St. Louis, 2005-2008, 2011-2012
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Corporate Compliance Law in St. Louis by Best Lawyers, 2014 (by BL Rankings)
- Lawdragon "National Finalist" in its Fifth Annual Guide to the Leading Lawyers in America, 2010

Presentations

- "Fiduciary Duties of Pension System Trustees," July 2019
- "Insider Trading Compliance Training," May 2019

Experience

• Representative Matters

Served as counsel to large strategic investor regarding \$1.9 billion enterprise value cross-border "going private" transaction and equity rollover (2018-2019)

Served as counsel to a publicly held advanced materials manufacturer regarding its \$584 million cross-border strategic acquisition by a publicly held materials manufacturer (2014).

Served as counsel to a diversified marketing and incentives company regarding numerous acquisitions, divestitures and ownership matters (2000-present).

Served as counsel to a privately owned large metals recycler in connection with several strategic and tuck-in acquisitions (2006-present).

Served as counsel to specialty chemical manufacturers and distributors in connection with sales to private equity-sponsored strategic acquirers (2013-2014).

Served as counsel to a large privately owned company in connection with private-for-life medium term note program.

Served as counsel to Missouri Technology Corporation in connection with various equity and debt financings and programs.