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Location

400 West Market Street
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Education

2000 - J.D., University of Kentucky; Order of the Coif and Editor-in-Chief of Volume 88 of the Kentucky Law Journal

1995 - B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Kentucky

Admissions

Kentucky

Aaron Zibart is a member of the Firm's Corporate & Securities Service Team. He concentrates his practice in the area of general business law, primarily representing start-up and emerging growth companies and other privately owned businesses in connection with mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, raising debt and equity capital, and strategic partnerships. He also represents private equity and venture capital firms and other investors in connection with their investments in such businesses.

Representative Matters

- Representation of a large Midwestern venture capital firm with a focus on the healthcare and technology sectors.
- Represented an energy consulting firm with an international footprint through an auction process resulting in recapitalization providing the founder and early stage investors with liquidity, a private equity firm with a controlling interest and the management team with working capital and incentive compensation to accelerate growth of the business.
- Represented a medical device manufacturing company in connection with early stage debt and equity financings by venture capital firms, corporate governance issues and later through an auction process resulting in recapitalization providing early stage investors with liquidity, a private equity firm with a controlling interest and the management team with working capital and incentive compensation to accelerate growth of the business.
- Represented a specialty distributor of clinical products through a sale process resulting in a recapitalization providing the founder and other shareholders with liquidity, a private equity firm with a controlling interest and the management team with working capital and incentive compensation to accelerate growth of the business.
- Representation of companies in connection with a variety of matters including acquisitions and divestitures, capital raising, corporate governance, shareholder agreements, joint ventures, management incentive compensation plans and contract negotiation.

Professional Activities and Memberships

- 2011 Chair, Louisville Bar Association Corporation Law Section

Presentations

- Panelist on Angel Pool Teleconference: "JOBS Act Final Rules by the SEC that Govern Solicitation of Angel/Seed Rounds" August 15, 2013
- Panelist on Greater Louisville Inc. JOBS Act Webinar: "Investigating Crowdfunding" July 18, 2013
- Current Issues in Mergers and Acquisitions - Louisville Bar Association June 17, 2011
- Starting Up from a Legal Perspective (*co-presenter*) - Louisville Bar Association August 26, 2010 and December 10, 2009

Articles and Publications

- What You Should Know about Investment Act, *Business First of Louisville* July 25, 2014
- In Right Circumstances, Profits Interests Can Be Employee Reward, *Business First of Louisville* November, 29, 2013

- "President Obama Signs the Jobs Act" April, 2012
- Unauthorized Transaction of Business and Unauthorized Practice of Law chapters (*co-authored with Francis J. Mellen, Jr.*) in 2012 Doing Business in Kentucky: an Introductory Guide, Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP for Lex Mundi
- Rights of Shareholders to Inspect Company Records, Louisville Bar Association *Bar Briefs* December 2011
- Choosing Between a Financial and Strategic Buyer, *Business First of Louisville* October 2010
- Negotiating Buyer Protections in the Purchase of a Business, *Business First of Louisville* July 19, 2010
- Partnerships chapter (*co-author*) of Kentucky Forms and Transactions, 2 Banks Baldwin (West 2d ed. 2009)
- Successful Businesses Begin with the Right Startup Plan, *Business First of Louisville* July 20, 2009

Civic Involvement

- Leadership Louisville, Participant Class of 2014