

Jeffrey L. LaBine

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- India
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Corporate, Securities + Commercial Transactions
- Life Sciences
- Venture Capital + Private Equity
- Securities

Governments + Nonprofits

- Life Sciences

Global Reach

- India

EDUCATION

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
- Detroit College of Business, B.B.A.
- Schoolcraft College, A.A.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

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A distinctive background positions Jeffrey L. LaBine to advise his clients on how to negotiate the twists and turns inherent in the corporate world, whether they be Securities and Exchange reporting issues for a public company, venture capital or angel funding for a technology startup or public/private acquisitions or dispositions. Jeff has extensive experience both in the corporate realm and as counsel to corporate clients, principally in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and commercial financing, private equity and debt offerings and general corporate law. That experience allows him to provide his clients with a unique perspective on their issues, challenges and goals.

"My clients expect me to offer them solutions that work with their business realities, not the legal answer from a textbook that sounds great but cannot be implemented in the real world. A client once told me, and I believe it to be true, that a good lawyer is invaluable but a good lawyer that understands you have a business to run is irreplaceable."

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A focal point of Jeff's practice has been counseling clients on mergers and acquisitions and the often unique issues that these transactions bring, especially in the multinational arena. Jeff's experience in this area, and often with the structures and in the countries in question, affords him the ability to give the client a preview of issues that are likely to arise and possible approaches to those issues.

Another area of expertise is in representation of start-up companies, institutional and private investors. Jeff frequently advises these emerging companies, their founders and those investing in them on diverse issues such as corporate structure and governance, private



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equity and debt offerings and other funding mechanisms, and joint venture and licensing activities.

EXPERIENCE

Jeff has assisted clients in acquisition and divestiture transactions throughout North America, Europe, India, South America and Australia in such diverse fields as automotive and heavy manufacturing, mining assets, services and technology. Recent examples include a Swedish and Canadian stock sale for a manufacturing safety products company, a 20-country divestiture (both stock and asset sales) for a manufacturing company, a Mexican stock acquisition, a multinational stock sale for a light manufacturing company, and an Australian stock acquisition with a Canadian reverse takeover component. Jeff also recently assisted clients in structuring and forming several new Midwest-based venture capital funds, represented a major Indian bank, through its London branch, in its financing to Indian and U.S. mining companies, represented a multinational manufacturing company in connection with the refinance of its ABL credit facilities in North America, Europe and India, worked with professors at major research universities in the area on technology spinouts and assisted technology start-ups in garnering venture and angel funding.