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Mark DeFeo counsels private equity funds and emerging companies in acquisitions, equity investments, sales and other significant transactions. He also advises portfolio companies, start-ups and other businesses on general corporate matters, including governance, equity incentive compensation, financings, and commercial transactions. Mr. DeFeo has been named a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer Rising Star*.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School JD, 2009, *magna cum laude,* Order of the Coif Note Editor, *Boston College Law Review*

Boston College BA, 2006, *Psychology and Economics, summa cum laude*

PRACTICE FOCUS

Mergers & Acquisitions

Mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, growth equity investments and other strategic transactions in various sectors, including business services, software, clean-tech and healthcare.

Private Equity

Representation of private equity funds and their portfolio companies in general corporate matters, add-on acquisitions and sale transactions.

Business & Technology

Representation of emerging companies in formation, governance, financings, equity incentive compensation and other general corporate matters.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Counseled Braintree Payment Solutions in \$800 million sale to eBay.
- Acted as outside general counsel to Braintree Payment Solutions, assisting with acquisition of Venmo, Series B financing, and various commercial agreements and corporate governance matters.
- Represented venture-backed healthcare IT company in \$140 million sale.
- Represented private equity fund in \$80 million acquisition of security technology company and simultaneous spin-off of target company's software business.

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ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, Massachusetts

PRACTICE AREAS

Private Equity

Business & Technology

- Represented private equity fund in leveraged buyout of surveillance software company and substantial equity investment in healthcare data analytics company.
- Represented growth equity fund in investments in acute care and hospice networks and sale of diagnostics company to public buyer.
- Represented start-up life sciences company in formation, vendor agreements, and equity and debt issuances.
- Represented private equity fund's portfolio company in strategic acquisitions in the corporate training sector.
- Represented renewable energy company in merger with public company.
- Represented clean-tech company in acquisition of organic materials manufacturer.
- Represented institutional investor in multiple mezzanine debt financings and equity co-investments in connection with leveraged buyouts.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Environmental Claims Get Harder to Discharge," *co-author, Bankruptcy Law360,* November 2010.
- "Unlocking the iPhone: How Antitrust Law Can Save Consumers from the Inadequacies of Copyright Law," *author, Boston College Law Review*, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mr. DeFeo is a member of the Boston Bar Association.