



# William P. Gelnaw, Jr.

## Co-Managing Partner

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Bill Gelnaw has served as one of the Firm's co-managing partners since 1996 and as a member of its Executive Committee since 1994.

Mr. Gelnaw was named "Best Lawyer" for closely held companies and family business law by *Best Lawyers 2018*. He is annually listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for business organizations, mergers and acquisitions and corporate law. He has also been named in *The Legal 500* for mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Gelnaw is a 2017 *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*.

### EDUCATION

Boston College Law School  
JD, 1984, *magna cum laude*

Boston College  
BS, 1981, *summa cum laude*

## PRACTICE FOCUS

### Mergers & Acquisitions

Mergers and acquisitions on behalf of public and private companies and private equity funds in a wide range of industries including financial services, healthcare, media, communications, timeshare, professional services, and consumer products.

### Private Equity

Representation of funds in acquisitions and investments, and the ongoing representation and sale of portfolio companies.

## REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Initial public offering for financial services company.
- \$150 million sale of business media company.
- \$130 million sale of healthcare services company.
- \$300 million acquisition of mutual fund complex.
- \$1.7 billion sale of financial services company.
- \$1.1 billion sale of mutual fund complex.
- Special board committees in three going private transactions.
- \$280 million sale of financial services company.
- \$75 million sale of water filtration business.
- Large joint venture in consumer products industry.

**ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Private Equity

Mergers &amp; Acquisitions

Capital Markets

Public Companies

Corporate Governance

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- “Pre and Post Sale Planning for You, Your Company and Your Family,” *panelist*, Bank of America Merrill Lynch’s Conference for Business Owners: M&A Solutions for Privately Held Companies, Boston, October 2012.
- “Going Private Deals Involving a Controlling Stockholder,” *co-author*, *Securities Law360*, August 2010.

**PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Mr. Gelnow is active in a number of business, civic and charitable organizations. Bill is a member of the Board of Directors of Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Jobs for Massachusetts, Inc. and the Massachusetts High Technology Council. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of Boston. He is a member of the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations.