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Partner Eric Hellige is a member of Pryor Cashman's Corporate and Banking + Finance Groups.

Widely recognized as one of the country's top corporate attorneys, Eric brings more than three decades of experience advising on corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial and securities matters for clients around the world.

A Trusted Corporate Advisor With Global Perspective

Eric represents public and private companies from the U.S. and abroad in startup, early-stage and other venture capital financings, crowdfunding, private placements and bridge financings, mergers and acquisitions, exchange offers, strategic alliances, and joint venture formations.

His clients include corporations with interests in China as well as China-based companies doing business in the U.S. Eric helps clients pursue business development strategies that drive market expansion of goods, services, and technologies.

Serving as corporate counsel, Eric offers practical business planning and counseling services that enhance his clients' management of their day-to-day operations. He advises on technology licensing, executive compensation and employment contracts, confidentiality and non-competition agreements, transitional planning, corporate governance, shareholder and partnership arrangements, and banking and investor relations.

Companies from a variety of industries rely on Eric's advice to guide them at every stage of their growth. He represents a diverse group of clients, from an edible chopsticks manufacturer to a biotechnology startup, to an internet television company offering programming targeted to the China market.

Experienced Securities Law Representation

Domestic and international public companies seek Eric's counsel on a variety of issues related to federal and state securities laws. His deep understanding of the financial markets and securities issues enables him to guide clients on their interactions with analysts and the press. He regularly handles compliance with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) periodic reporting and proxy requirements, Section 16 reporting (short-swing profits), and Rule 144 sales. Eric helps clients navigate the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ).

Eric represents multiple issuers, selling stockholders, and underwriters in connection with public debt and equity financings, including initial public offerings, secondary offerings, and shelf registrations. He also assists China-based companies in accessing U.S. capital markets.

A Veteran of Complex Mergers and Acquisitions

Known for his ability to guide purchasers and sellers through the M&A process, Eric is sought after by public and private businesses, especially those with middle-market deals under \$500 million. He has closed acquisitions and sales for clients in many industries, including energy, technology, information services, mining, pharmaceutical, consulting, and financial services. Accomplished in transactions using secured and unsecured debt, as well as public and private equity securities, Eric advises on tax, corporate, and securities issues and managing reporting requirements.

Experienced in Corporate Trust Transactions

Eric's background also includes more than 20 years of representing corporate trust departments of major banks in transactions involving corporate and municipal debt, secured and unsecured commercial paper, escrow arrangements asset-based financings, and agency agreements.

Services

- Banking + Finance
- Corporate
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- Mergers + Acquisitions (M+A)
- Securities + Corporate Finance
- China Practice
- SEC + Corporate Governance

Education

- Hofstra University School of Law (J.D., 1980)
- Hofstra University (B.B.A., 1977)

Recognition

- Named to the *Super Lawyers – New York Metro* list in Securities + Corporate Finance (2009-25)
- Named a top corporate and M&A lawyer by *The Legal 500 US* (2012-16, 2019-21)
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for individual achievement in corporate law and M&A (2010-12)

Community

- Member, Board of Directors, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School
- Founder and Director, Read It Again Book Shoppe, a non-profit bookstore that raises funds to support local youth programs

Admissions

- New York, 1981

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Publications

March 17, 2020

SEC Guidance for Public Companies: Preparing for the Proxy Season During the COVID-19 Outbreak

December 4, 2019

The First 90 Days—How Nasdaq Liquidity Rule Changes Impacted the Market

August 6, 2019

Nasdaq Amends Liquidity Standards For Initial Listing

February 8, 2019

New York City Health Department Bans Sale of CBD-Infused Food and Beverages

February 16, 2017

Hellige and Djerejian Explore Risks of Engaging Unregistered Finders in Securities Offerings

September 6, 2016

Hellige and Djerejian Pen Best Practices Article for MicroCap Review

January 29, 2016

Hellige and Djerejian Featured in MicroCap Review's "Ask the Legal Experts"

May 21, 2012

Ethical Obligations Regarding Inadvertently Transmitted E-Mail Communications