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Bill Zimmern provides strategic leadership and practical, business-oriented advice on a broad range of mergers and acquisitions transactions, with substantial experience involving financial sponsors, large corporations, and the representation of founders and long-time owners. He also assists clients with securities and general corporate matters.

Bill has worked for sophisticated clients across a number of industries, including in the healthcare, information technology, financial services, business and industrial services, retail, and real estate industries.

Prior to joining the firm, Bill practiced at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York.

Notable

- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2013-2016
- Published in Aspatore Books' *Strategies for Negotiating Mergers and Acquisitions: Leading Lawyers on Understanding Clients' Needs and Successfully Negotiating M&A Transactions*
- Board of Trustees, Charlotte Country Day School, 2014-present; Chairman, Committee on Trustees, 2018-2022, Board Chairman, 2022-present
- Board Member, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, 2014-2021; Executive Committee 2018-2021
- Board Member and Board Chairman, Bruce Irons Camp Fund, 2009-2015
- Cabinet Member, Arts & Science Council, 2009-2010
- Bernstein Leadership Group, Class VII

Capabilities

Corporate Governance & Shareholder Relations
Health Care
Independent Sponsor
Joint Ventures & Strategic Transactions
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Securities & Capital Markets

Education

J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, high honors, Order of the Coif, North Carolina Law Review
B.A., Cornell University, cum laude

Admissions

New York
North Carolina

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Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association

Representative Experience

- Represented a financial sponsor in the acquisition of an environmental services from another financial sponsor
- Represented a financial sponsor in the purchase of a financial services software business, subsequent add-on acquisitions, and successful sale of the business to a large publicly traded consulting firm
- Represented a financial sponsor in the acquisition of a retail eye wear business, an equity recapitalization, and subsequent add-on acquisitions
- Represented a platform business that provides professional educational services in add-on acquisitions and related transactional matters
- Represented a financial sponsor in the acquisition of the semiconductor equipment division of a publicly traded health science and technology company, and the subsequent sale of the business to a publicly traded industrial strategic acquirer
- Represented a financial sponsor in equity investment in a healthcare marketing company
- Represented a specialty finance holding company in the acquisition of an equipment leasing business
- Represented a publicly traded manufacturer and industrial services company in the acquisition of an energy consulting business
- Represented a publicly traded manufacturer and industrial services company with the divestiture of security design and integration business
- Represented a publicly traded hospital chain in the sale of various healthcare facilities
- Represented the founders of a specialty fabrication and engineering business with the auction process and sale to a financial sponsor
- Represented the founders of an industrial equipment distribution company in the sale of the business to a Dow 30 conglomerate
- Represented a foreign strategic acquirer with the acquisition of the plastics division of a publicly traded competitor
- Represented a foreign strategic acquirer with the acquisition of an energy services and construction business
- Represented management in its buyout of an insurance services business from a publicly traded financial institution
- Represented an investor group with the sale of a health and fitness center business