



## **Corben A. Lee**

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Corben Lee regularly advises clients on a variety of securities regulatory matters, mergers and acquisitions, public and private securities offerings, ESOP implementation, and general corporate counseling. He advises buyers and sellers on all aspects of mergers and acquisitions, including due diligence review and management, negotiation, deal structuring, and documentation of the deal, from the letter of intent through closing. He takes a personalized approach to address each client's needs and priorities, ensuring they receive tailored solutions that align with their goals.

Beyond his legal concentration, Corben is deeply committed to the success of his clients and the broader middle-market community. He actively engages with industry associations and leverages his network to provide valuable resources and connections that can facilitate growth and opportunity.

Corben's approachable demeanor and client-centric focus make him a trusted advisor and advocate.

When not working, Corben enjoys cooking, spending time with his wife and three children, and rooting for the Chicago Bears.

### **Education**

- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2015
- B.S. in Management, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2012
  - Krannert School of Management

### **Bar & Court Admissions**

- Indiana (2015)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (2015)
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Indiana (2015)

### **Practices**

- Business Services
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Corporate Governance
- Securities
- Privately and Closely-Held Businesses
- Corporate Finance
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

## Industries

- Employee Stock Ownership Plans
- Financial Services

## Representative Experience

- Advised public companies on preferred stock offerings
- Advised public companies on ongoing periodic, current, and Section 16 reporting requirements
- Advised private companies on the preparation and filing of Hart-Scott-Rondino filings
- Advised emerging growth companies in organizing and conducting unregistered securities offerings
- Advised clients on the organization of a new business including ownership structure, drafting organizational documents for corporations, limited liability companies, and other entity types, and drafting minutes and resolutions
- Negotiated and provided counsel to emerging growth companies in convertible note and preferred stock investments
- Advised and assisted companies in both the acquisition and sale of a business
- Advised and assisted emerging growth companies regarding issuing equity incentives and corresponding plans including restricted stock, nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, and counsel on 83(b) elections

## Awards & Recognitions

- Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2022-2023

## Seminars & Presentations

- Indiana Bar Association: Business Skill Series, *Fiduciary Duties: More Than Just the Golden Rule*, June 30, 2020
- Purdue University, Guest Lecturer, *Legal Entities and Other Practical Business Advice*, Entrepreneurship 599, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Purdue University, Public Lecture, *Crowd Funding 101: An Overview of SEC's New Rules Regarding Equity-Based Crowdfunding*, September 23, 2016
- Eleven Fifty Academy, Guest Lecturer, *Fundraising and IP Workshop*, March 27, 2017

## Publications

- Co-Author, "Three Minute Update - Protecting Your Business: Piercing the Corporate Veil," July 28, 2022
- Co-Author, "Three Minute Update - Doing a Deal: Practical Considerations Before the Sale of Your Business," April 27, 2022
- Co-Author, "A PPP Holiday Stocking Stuffer," December 23, 2020
- Co-Author, "SBA Introduces Necessity Questionnaires for PPP Forgiveness," November 4, 2020

- Co-Author, "SBA Guidance on Change of Ownership for PPP Borrowers," October 8, 2020
- Co-Author, "SEC Updates Private Placement "Accredited Investor" Definition," September 3, 2020
- Co-Author, "SBA Issues New Guidance on Loan Forgiveness," August 7, 2020
- Co-Author, "PPP Loan Application Deadline: Saturday, August 8, 2020," August 4, 2020
- Co-Author, "Paycheck Protection Program - Possible Extended Life," June 30, 2020
- Co-Author, "Paycheck Protection Program: Aggregated Guidance for Loans and Forgiveness," June 24, 2020
- Co-Author, "PPP Loan Forgiveness Applications Available," June 18, 2020
- Co-Author, "PPP and PPPFA Additional Guidance: No Cliff," June 11, 2020
- Co-Author, "Fed's Main Street Lending Program Expanded," June 9, 2020
- Co-Author, "PPP Extended Life and Expanded Flexibility [Updated June 9, 2020]," June 8, 2020
- Co-Author, "Indiana Announces the Small Business Restart Fund," May 28, 2020
- Co-Author, "New Interim Final Rules Provide Further Guidance on PPP Forgiveness," May 27, 2020
- Co-Author, "SBA Forgiveness Application," May 17, 2020
- Co-Author, "PPP Safe Harbor for Loans Under \$2M and Helpful Guidance for Loans \$2M+," May 12, 2020
- Co-Author, "UPDATED - Paycheck Protection Program: Confirm the Necessity or Return the Funds," May 5, 2020
- Co-Author, "Updates to the Fed's Main Street Lending Program" April 30, 2020
- Co-Author, "Paycheck Protection Program: Confirm the Necessity or Return the Funds" April 29, 2020
- Co-Author, "PPP - Get Ready - Again," April 20, 2020
- Co-Author, "Comparisons of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)," April 1, 2020
- Co-Author, "The CARES Act: Benefits for Small Businesses," March 26, 2020
- Co-Author, "COVID-19 Checklist for Businesses," March 23, 2020