

# Business Transactions

## Overview

Carlton Fields' business transactions team combines deep industry knowledge with innovative, big-picture thinking to advance our clients' business goals. We advise and represent public and privately held companies and key players that operate in sectors including finance, private equity and venture capital, health care, technology, media, entertainment, and sports. Our comprehensive practice focuses on responsiveness and collaboration in matters that range from counseling on day-to-day operations and routine matters, to managing and closing the most complex transactions.

## Experience

- Closed a \$100 million purchase of preferred equities in a public REIT for our client (itself a public REIT).
- Assisted a U.S. tech private equity fund in acquiring, from a South Africa-based company, a substantial equity interest in a Brazilian entity that provides platform solutions for e-commerce.
- Closed a \$1.25 billion five-year credit facility.
- Assisted a waste remediation company in negotiating and closing \$15 million of mezzanine financing (including warrants) and in restructuring the company from a Texas limited partnership into a Delaware subchapter S corporation.
- \$7 billion merger between two telecom companies, including alternative merger agreements and joint proxy statement and related public securities registrations.
- \$1 billion leveraged buyout of cell phone equipment provider.
- \$500 million worth of acquisitions by, and recapitalization of, an investment company and subsidiaries, including purchase and restructuring of operating companies and assets, senior credit facility, purchase of loan portfolios, and master debt financing facility.
- \$190 million reorganization and related financings, assets sales, and acquisitions for a private financial services company.

- \$100 million tender offer for and acquisition by a NASDAQ-listed international apparel corporation of another apparel company.
- Joint proxy statement and related public securities registrations for the \$75 million merger of insurance and health software companies.
- Representation of various companies in their issuances of private common and preferred stock, limited liability company interests, and limited partnership interests (more than \$1 billion in the aggregate).
- \$375 million in private placements of telecom company's common stock.
- \$373 million secondary public offering of a staffing company's common stock.
- \$135 million initial public offering of a digital manufacturing company's common stock.

## Insights

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New Florida Law Banning Real Estate Ownership by Foreign Principals From Certain Foreign Countries

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New Crypto Bill Seeks to Regulate Digital Assets and Their Markets

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New York City Creates Right to Sue Over Use of Biometric Data

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Stimulus Package Ushers in New Loan Opportunities and Support for Small- to Medium-Sized Businesses / Extends FFCRA Tax Credit

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New Funds Available Under the Small Business PPP and EIDL Programs

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Economic Impact Payments Authorized by the CARES Act Are Not Exempt From Garnishment in Florida

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Hotel Management Agreement: CARES Act Side Agreement

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States Introduce Emergency Laws Seeking to Retroactively Expand Business Interruption Insurance for Small Businesses to Include Claims Related to COVID-19 Despite Policy Exclusions Providing Otherwise

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Relief Avenues for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses in California During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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COVID-19 and Credit Facilities

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The Latest “Hipster Antitrust” Battleground – Vertical Merger Enforcement

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Florida Is Now a “Demand Futility” State for Shareholder Derivative Actions

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Stop “Partnering” and Begin “Strategically Allying”

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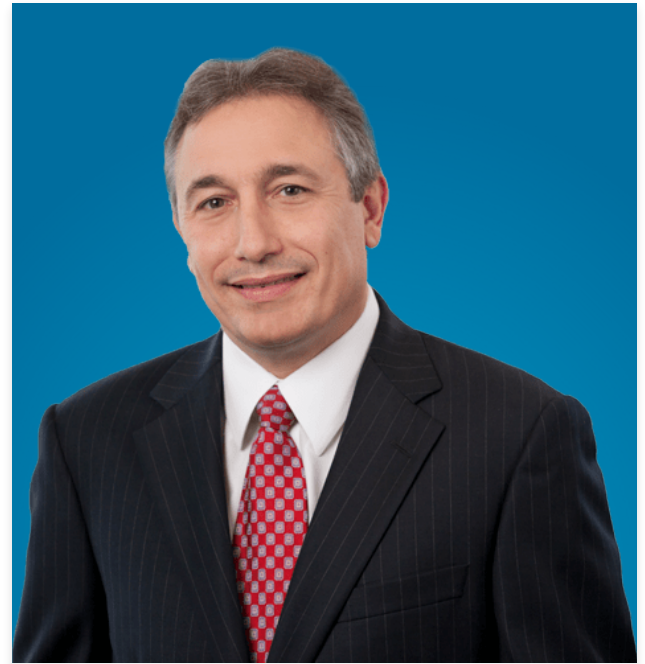
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- Immigration Planning and Compliance

### Industries

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- Real Estate
- Securities & Investment Companies
- Telecommunications
- Technology
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Solutions

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- International
- Labor & Employment
- Media, Entertainment, Music & Sports
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Private Equity and Venture Capital
- Public and Private Offerings
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Representations and Warranty Insurance
- Securities Transactions and Compliance
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- Technology
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- AdTech
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- Global Anti-Corruption
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