



# Robert J. Tannous

*partner*

Bob has a proven track record representing publicly-traded and large privately-held companies in federal securities, mergers and acquisitions and corporate law issues. Along with representing clients on general corporate matters and business transactions, he also advises them on securities registrations, ongoing securities reporting and compliance, proxy statements, stock exchange compliance, initial public offerings (IPO) executive compensation plans, corporate governance and mergers and acquisitions.

Bob also counsels clients on corporate and financing issues, including private equity transactions and leveraged financing transactions. He advises family offices on formation, organization and operation issues. In addition to his active corporate practice, Bob presently serves as the firm's managing partner.

He is listed in *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> in the area of Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, has been recognized by *Ohio Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> and in 2013 was selected as one of Ohio's top attorneys in Corporate/M&A law by *Chambers USA*.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association
- American Bar Association

## HONORS | AWARDS

- *Ohio Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, 2004-2005, 2009-2020
- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, Ohio
- *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Association for Corporate Growth, Service Partner Award, 2009
- *Columbus Business First*, Forty Under 40, Class of 1997
- Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Young Citizen, 1997
- Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup>, AV Preeminent

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## EDUCATION

The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1987

The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business, B.S.B.A., *cum laude*, 1984

## SERVICES

### Securities

- Regulatory compliance and corporate governance
- SEC investigation and enforcement
- Investment advisors
- Equity, mezzanine and debt securities

## COMMUNITY

- United Way of Central Ohio, Board of Directors, Vice Chair
- Ohio Business Roundtable
- The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law, National Council
- Columbus State Community College Foundation, Board of Directors, Vice Chair
- Columbus State Community Partners, Board Member
- One Columbus Leadership Circle
- BalletMet Columbus, Board Member
- The Wellington School, Past Board Member
- The Ohio Historical Society, Past Development Council Member, past Chair
- Leadership Columbus, Class of 1996

## SERVICES (CONTINUED)

### Financial Institutions

- Mergers and acquisitions and other regulatory matters

### Entrepreneurship & Startups

- Hospitality

### Sports

### Mergers & Acquisitions

- Due diligence
- Antitrust and regulatory filings
- Family office
- Fairness opinion and special committees
- Transaction structuring

### Business Growth & Operations

- Business transactions
- Organization, planning and financing
- Corporate governance
- Board and committee counsel
- Venture capital and private equity
- Executive compensation
- Compliance, including antitrust, licensing and franchising
- Tax planning
- Sustainability initiatives
- Business succession planning
- Family office
- Hospitality

### Employee Benefits

- Nonqualified deferred compensation and executive compensation
- Equity and non-equity based incentive plans

### Privacy & Data Security

- Social media

### Energy

- Oil and gas

### Tax, Estate Planning & Personal Wealth

- Family office

### Cannabis