



## Merrill B. Stone

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### About

With one eye squarely fixed on achieving his clients' goals and the other focused on mitigating risks that could threaten their interests, Merrill Stone delivers transactions, finance, business, and compliance counsel informed by more than four decades of vast and varied experience.

Having seen almost everything in his decades handling complex and consequential mergers and acquisitions, finance, securities, banking, and bankruptcy matters, he can quickly identify and address issues that matter to his clients and dispose of inconsequential distractions with equal speed. Merrill's clear, pragmatic counsel, industry savvy, and sound legal and business judgment have facilitated countless transactions and helped clients in a wide range of industries seize opportunities and sidestep potential stumbling blocks.

Merrill represents banks, financial institutions, private equity funds, transfer agencies, industrial companies, and other entities in licensing and regulatory matters, syndicated and private financings, mergers and acquisitions, and restructurings and workouts. Clients in a broad spectrum of industries, including fashion, retail, food and beverage, entertainment, and supply chains, have benefited from Merrill's actionable guidance and substantive experience.

The transactions Merrill has helped to shepherd to consummation range in size and complexity from relatively straightforward matters involving a few million dollars to 10- and 11-figure multiparty and cross-border deals implicating myriad legal, regulatory, financial, and practical issues.

A frequent speaker on various legal, business, and finance topics, Merrill's professional achievements have earned him inclusion in the *Who's Who* in America, *Who's Who* in the World, *Who's Who* in American Law, and *Who's Who* in the East directories.

### Experience

Represented Ralph Lauren Corporation and its foreign subsidiaries in a \$500 million syndicated multicurrency credit facility and numerous other offshore financings.

Represented Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG, a publicly held international supplier of insurance and reinsurance solutions, and its subsidiaries in a \$450 million syndicated secured credit facility.

Represented Cinedigm Corp., a publicly held company engaged in the distribution of independent motion pictures and other content and the deployment of digital cinema projection systems, in several hundred million dollars of financings, including multitier structured financings of bankrupt remote special purpose entities.

Acted as lead outside counsel for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation with respect to various bankruptcies, restructurings and other matters, including TWA, Northwest, United Air Lines, U.S. Airways, Delta Air Lines, Delphi, Hawker Beechcraft, Baptist Hospital Systems and SuperValu.

Represented a leading international provider of lit high-bandwidth networking services over a transatlantic cable system and terrestrial network covering North America, Europe and Asia in its sale to a public company for a combination of cash and stock.

Represented a major European apparel company in a complex series of transactions involving the joint global development of the brands and products of a U.S. apparel company that has been in existence for more than a century, in which our client received more than an 80 percent stake in the surviving entity.

Represented a regional competitive local exchange telecommunications carrier in the workout, restructuring and eventual payoff of more than \$500 million of debt.

Represented a major foreign securities transfer agent in connection with enforcement proceedings before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a foreign company in a series of divestitures of financial services businesses aggregating in excess of \$2 billion.

Represented numerous domestic and foreign banks and financial institutions in connection with bilateral and syndicated credit facilities licensing and regulatory matters and advice on state and federal banking and securities laws.

Represented Tailwind Capital Partners in the financing of the acquisition of numerous portfolio companies including: Aircast, a multinational manufacturer of orthopedic devices; Trover Solutions, Inc., an independent provider of medical claims recovery services to the private health care payer industry; VersaPharm Incorporated, a pharmaceutical developer and marketer of specialty prescription products; Freedom Innovations, a developer of world-class prosthetic lower limb solutions; Nautilus Neurosciences, a specialized pharmaceutical company; and Cumberland Consulting Group, a health care information technology firm.

Represented a major beverage distributor in forming a joint venture with Heineken and MillerCoors with respect to wholesale distribution in the New York metropolitan area.

## Honors

Merrill was selected for inclusion in the *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in the East* directories. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#).

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## Affiliations

Society for Corporate Governance

## Related Services

Corporate and Tax  
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)  
Finance and Lending  
Financial Institutions  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Securities and Capital Markets  
Fashion and Retail

## Education

Columbia Law School, J.D., 1976

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- Columbia Human Rights Law Review, comments editor

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, B.A., 1973

- summa cum laude
- Phi Beta Kappa

## Admissions

New York  
Connecticut  
New Jersey  
Florida

## Courts

U.S. District Court–Southern District of New York  
U.S. District Court–District of New Jersey  
U.S. District Court–Southern District of Florida