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Jason Jones has more than 25 years of experience advising businesses and their owners on a broad variety of corporate matters, with a particular focus on mergers and acquisitions of closely held middle-market businesses.

Jason represents businesses active in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, retail, financial services, engineering services, human resources consulting, telecommunications and investment management. He advises clients with respect to the organization and structure of corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and other business entities, and drafts and negotiates stockholder agreements, operating agreements, limited partnership agreements and other contracts related to corporate governance. Jason's experience includes advising clients on venture capital investments, the private placement of securities, and the liquidation and dissolution of corporations and other entities.

Prior to law school, Jason became licensed as a certified public accountant (presently inactive) and worked for a global certified public accounting firm.

Featured Representative Matters

- Represented a privately held manufacturer of precision deep drawn enclosures and shallow drawn metal components in connection with the sale of all of its equity interests to a private equity fund.
- Represented a retailer of footwear and related products with stores in Asia and the United States in connection with its sale to a publicly owned corporation.
- Represented a closely held company with operations in engineering, technical recruiting, health care, industrial inspection and construction management in connection with its acquisition of an engineering services firm.
- Represented an industrial biotechnology company in the business of developing, manufacturing and commercializing bioactive ingredients in the sale of Series Seed Preferred Stock to an investor.
- Represented a pre-clinical-stage biotechnology company developing targeted entheogen therapeutics in the sale of an ownership interest in the company to a venture fund.
- Represented a privately held manufacturer and retailer of paint and related products in connection with its sale to a publicly owned corporation.

Services

- Closely Held & Family-Owned Businesses
- Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Securities
- Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
- Corporate

Education

- Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.S., *with distinction*)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania

- Represented a publicly owned corporation in the acquisition of the assets or stock of a related group of companies in the retail apparel and footwear product identification business with business entities and operations in the United States, United Kingdom and Asia.
- Advised a subsidiary of a publicly owned corporation in connection with the acquisition by merger of a provider of human resources consulting services and products in the United States and Europe.
- Represented a publicly owned corporation in connection with the acquisition of a minority interest in two Korean corporations related to the settlement of a dispute concerning patents.
- Counseled the principal stockholders of a privately held corporation with subsidiaries in Ireland, Hong Kong and China that operated as a contract manufacturer and supply chain partner for original equipment manufacturers in the sale of the stock of the corporation to a publicly owned corporation.
- Advised a publicly owned corporation in connection with the acquisition of the stock of an Israeli designer, manufacturer and supplier of high-speed data transmission products.
- Represented a privately held provider of local and long-distance telephone services and certain non-regulated services — including television, cable, internet and telephone ancillary services — in the sale of substantially all of its assets.
- Represented a privately held demolition and environmental contracting corporation in connection with the sale of a minority interest in the company to a private equity fund.
- Advised a private equity fund in connection with the acquisition of a membership interest, constituting 50 percent of all issued and outstanding membership interests, in a limited liability company that manufactures, bottles, markets and distributes malt beverages and related products.
- Counseled a venture capital fund in the acquisition of preferred stock of a drug discovery and development company.

Community Impact

Jason served on the board of directors and as secretary of both the Rotary Club of Philadelphia and the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, and presently serves as a trustee and president of the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill.

Jason is active with the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill and previously served as a deacon.

Memberships

- Board of Stewards of the Welsh Society of Philadelphia
- Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill
- President and Trustee, Foundation of the Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill

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Publications

Treasury Suspends the CTA

Experience

Stradley Ronon Represents Allied Resources Group in Acquisition of Verigent

Stradley Ronon represented Allied Resources Group (ARG) in its acquisition of Verigent, a North Carolina-based staffing firm specializing in telecom and IT network infrastructure. The transaction closed July 31; the value was undisclosed.

ARG is a multidisciplinary provider of engineering, staffing, inspection and field services focused on delivering reliable solutions to critical infrastructure clients nationwide. The acquisition will expand ARG’s workforce solutions platform and strengthen its presence in fast-growing technical markets across the United States, including the data center infrastructure sector.

Read more about the acquisition.

Stradley Ronon Represented TradePMR in Acquisition by Robinhood

Stradley Ronon represented TradePMR, a custodial and portfolio management platform for Registered Investment Advisors (RIAs), in an approximately $300 million acquisition by Robinhood Markets, Inc., which closed on February 26, 2025. TradePMR has over 25 years in the industry, and the acquisition will accelerate Robinhood’s delivery of investment advisory capabilities to customers by bringing in a scaled RIA custodial platform with approximately 350 firms and more than $40B in assets under administration.

Read more about the acquisition.

Pacific Asset Management Acquired by Aristotle

Stradley Ronon represented Pacific Life Insurance Company with the sale of its third-party credit asset management firm, Pacific Asset Management, LLC, which manages over $20 billion in assets, to Aristotle Capital Management, LLC. The transaction creates Aristotle Pacific Capital, LLC (Aristotle Pacific).

Acquisition of Three Apartment Communities in Pennsylvania

Stradley Ronon assisted Berger Rental Communities and its affiliate Berger Investments with the acquisition of three apartment communities in Pennsylvania. Berger Rental Communities is a full-service company that owns and manages apartment communities in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Sale of Stock of Burns Mechanical to Southland Industries

Represented the ownership group of Burns Mechanical, Inc., a prominent mechanical and engineering services firm in Southeastern Pennsylvania headquartered in Horsham, PA, in connection with the sale of all of its stock to Southland Industries, a privately held mechanical, engineering and plumbing (MEP) services firm located in Grove City, CA.

Allied Resources Group Acquires RTR Energy Solutions Assets

Stradley Ronon represented Allied Resources Group, a holding company to a host of niche technical companies in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana and Ohio, providing engineering, technical recruiting, healthcare, industrial inspection and construction management support services in connection with its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of RTR Energy Solutions, providing services relating to designing, building and maintaining power delivery systems in the electric utility and other power delivery sectors, including negotiating and closing amendments to ARG's credit facilities for such acquisition.

Strategic Alliance by AscellaHealth with Optime Care

Stradley Ronon represented AscellaHealth, a global specialty pharmacy and healthcare solutions company, in connection with its consummation of a strategic alliance with Optime Care, a Specialty Pharmacy (SP) servicing small patient communities, to further enhance AscellaHealth's ability to become a leader in SP services and establish a strong trajectory for growth, including negotiating and closing on AscellaHealth's financing for such alliance.

Financing Afoot for KicksUSA & UBIQ

Represented Jako Holding Company, the parent company of KicksUSA and UBIQ, specialty retailers of urban footwear and apparel, in the negotiation and documentation of multimillion-dollar revolver and term loans.

KicksUSA was founded in 2002 to provide urban footwear and apparel, and career opportunities to communities in Philadelphia, New Jersey and surrounding areas. Since opening their first store at the Rising Sun Plaza in Philadelphia, they have expanded to 33 locations in Philadelphia and New Jersey. UBIQ is a Philadelphia-based store with unique brand-name sneakers and urban-style clothes.

Foot Locker to Acquire Atmos for $360 Million

Stradley Ronon is representing Atmos, a Japan-based global streetwear and sneaker brand with 49 stores across Asia and the U.S., in its sale to Foot Locker for $360 million.

Global Brand Atmos Merges with UBIQ to Expand Footprint in the US

Stradley Ronon worked on the merger of Atmos, a global brand headquartered in Tokyo, with UBIQ, a renowned Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. sneaker boutique, creating Atmos USA.

Atmos is a streetwear and sneaker brand, with 38 stores across four countries in Asia and in the US. The merger will expand the brand's footprint in the US.

Gencore Investments, LLC Acquires Four Apartment Communities in Pittsburgh, PA Suburbs

Stradley Ronon represented Gencore Investments, LLC (DBA Berger Rental Communities) in acquiring and financing four apartment communities owned by seven different entities comprising a total of 1,438 apartment units in the Pittsburgh, PA suburbs. With this acquisition, Berger Rental Communities has grown to 40 apartment communities with approximately 9,000 apartment units across Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.

Pine Hill Group Sold to CFGI

Stradley Ronon represented Pine Hill Group, a leading accounting and transaction advisory firm, in its sale to CFGI, a national provider of high-end technical accounting and finance advisory services.

Founded in 2007, Pine Hill Group provides public, private and private equity clients with integrated capital markets, technical accounting and financial reporting advice during every stage of the business lifecycle.

CFGI is a portfolio company of The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG).

AWI Continues Growth Initiatives with Major Acquisition
Stradley Ronon represented Armstrong World Industries, Inc. in its acquisition of Architectural Components Group, Inc., an industry leader in custom wood ceilings and walls. AWI is a global leader in the design and manufacture of innovative commercial and residential ceiling, wall and suspension system solutions.

Interstate Aerials Sells Business to Sunbelt Rentals
Stradley Ronon represented Interstate Aerials in connection with the sale of its business to Sunbelt Rentals

Interstate Aerials is one of the largest independently operated aerial equipment rental companies on the East Coast, and works with refineries, power plants, structural steel contractors, general contractors and mechanical contractors.

Armstrong World Industries Acquires Steel Ceilings
Stradley Ronon represented Armstrong World Industries, a global leader in the design and manufacture of innovative commercial and residential ceiling, wall and suspension system solutions, in its acquisition of Steel Ceilings, Inc., a manufacturer of architectural and radiant metal ceilings.

IHG Expands Third-Party Administrator Business
Stradley Ronon represented Independence Health Group (IHG), parent company of Independence Blue Cross, in an asset purchase that included customer contracts from Minnesota-based Comprehensive Care Services Inc., a third-party administrator that provides services to employers, union groups and tribal businesses and communities that self-fund their health plans. The purchase, made by two IHG subsidiaries, continues the expansion of Independence Health Group’s third-party administrator business by acquiring third-party administrator and Tribal business from CCS totaling approximately 30,000 members in Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

UMB Financial Sells Scout Investments in $172.5M Cash Deal
Stradley Ronon represented UMB Financial in completing the sale of its institutional investment management subsidiary, Scout Investments, to Carillon Tower Advisors, a unit of Raymond James Financial, for $172.5 million in cash. The transaction involved the reorganization of the Scout mutual fund family over to CTA/Raymond James. Scout Investments is based in Kansas City, Missouri, and Columbus, Indiana, and had $27.3 billion in assets under management as of Dec. 31, 2016.

Lovell Minnick Partners Makes Majority Investment in CenterSquare Investment Management
Stradley Ronon represented Lovell Minnick Partners in its majority investment in CenterSquare Investment Management, a global investment manager with approximately $9 billion in assets under management in U.S. and global real estate and infrastructure investments, in connection with the acquisition by Lovell Minnick Partners and CenterSquare’s management of CenterSquare’s business from BNY Mellon Investment Management. Founded in 1999, Lovell Minnick Partners is an independent private equity firm specializing in the financial and business services sectors. Having raised $1.7 billion in committed capital, the firm has provided equity capital for growth investments, management buyouts, succession and ownership transitions, and recapitalizations for over 30 middle-market companies.

PennEngineering Expands Global Reach with Major Acquisition
Stradley Ronon represented PennEngineering, a global leader in the development and manufacturing of precision fasteners, components, and installation systems for thin sheet attachment solutions, structural automotive fasteners and cable management systems, in its acquisition of Whitesell Formed Components and Whitesell Canada, two North American suppliers of engineered fasteners and complex production components.

Business Vantage Point

Chancery Court Rules Company Counsel Must Remain Neutral in Dispute Involving Two-Member Deadlocked Board
December 2, 2025

The Delaware Court of Chancery recently addressed an issue in which it stated there is no meaningful precedent that involved the role of company counsel in a books and records dispute between a two-member deadlocked board of directors. In...

Don't Overlook the Fine Print: Why Notice Provisions Are More Than Just Boilerplate
August 18, 2025

A recent decision by the Delaware Supreme Court emphasizes the importance of clearly written notice provisions in a contract and strict compliance with them, including any timing requirements and provisions requiring the disclosure of information and documents as a...

Rewind: Delaware High Court Clarifies Standard of Review for Controlling Stockholder Transactions
September 27, 2024

Ensuring that all requirements of Kahn v. M&F Worldwide (MFW) 1 are complied with is paramount in order for the business judgment rule to apply to transactions involving a controlling stockholder who receives a non-ratable benefit at...

Delaware Court Rules That a Buyer May Terminate a Merger Agreement Based on the Breach of a Capitalization Representation
September 19, 2023

In a decision rendered on May 29, 2023, the Delaware Court of Chancery, in the case HControl Holdings LLC et al. v. Antin Infrastructure Partners S.A.S. and OTI Parent LLC,[1] enforced a buyer’s right to terminate a merger agreement...

Delaware Case Highlights Enhanced Revlon Duties of Directors Are Alive and Well
April 4, 2023

In a decision rendered on March 15, 2023, the Delaware Court of Chancery, in the case In Re Mindbody, Inc. Stockholder Litigation,[1] held Richard Stollmeyer (the CEO), the chief executive officer and a director of Mindbody, Inc. (the Company),...