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Thomas Ix focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, contract negotiations and general corporate matters.

Tom is well-versed in middle-market mergers, stock acquisitions and asset transactions. He represents clients in a variety of industry sectors, including manufacturing, distribution, financial service, plastic packaging, recycling, outdoor advertising and specialty chemicals.

Featured Representative Matters

- Represented Mini Melts USA, a producer and distributor of novelty ice cream products, in the acquisition of a controlling interest by Altamont Capital Partners, a private investment firm.
- Advised NewSpring Capital in providing mezzanine debt financing and an equity co-investment to assist with the acquisition of Vac2Go LLC.
- Advised United Packaging in its acquisition by diversified distribution company Envoy Solutions. United Packaging is a leading distributor of high-quality packaging, shipping, safety and janitorial supplies.
- Represented Hughes Enterprises, a leading packaging distribution company based in Levittown, Pennsylvania, in its sale to Envoy Solutions.
- Advised McClure Co., one of Pennsylvania's largest mechanical contracting and energy services firms, in connection with the sale of a majority interest to Sojitz Corp. of America, which invests in global infrastructure and energy businesses.
- Advised Penn Jersey Paper Co. in its sale to Envoy Solutions. Penn Jersey Paper is a specialized distribution company based in Philadelphia that distributes cleaning products, food service disposables and janitorial supplies.
- Represented Agile Medical, a leading e-commerce retailer of sleep apnea and respiratory equipment, in its sale to AdaptHealth Corp., a full-service home medical equipment company.
- Advised Centurion Group in its sale to Marsh McLennan Agency. Centurion is a retirement consulting, asset management and benefit plan advisory firm.
- Represented Steen Outdoor, one of the largest owners of billboards in the Philadelphia area, in the sale of more than 460 billboards to Lamar Advertising.
- Represented Trajus in connection with the acquisitions of manufacturers and distributors of cabinets and stone countertops for single family and multifamily

Services

- Closely Held & Family-Owned Businesses
- Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Securities
- Private Equity
- Corporate

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.)
- Georgetown University (B.A.)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

residential developers and contractors.

- Represented AudioMicro in the sale of its business to AVL Digital Group. AudioMicro is an administrator of the rights of third-party digital media, music and video content creators.
- Advised MFP Strategies in its acquisition by CapTrust Financial Advisors. MFP Strategies is a regional advisory firm providing investment advisory services for private clients, institutions and retirement plans.
- Represented Fiber-Line in its sale to a private equity investor. Fiber-Line is a manufacturer of high-performance fibers, including fiber optic cables and other composite fibers.
- Advised rePlanet in the acquisition of one of the largest recyclers of plastic and glass beverage containers in California.
- Advised Wissahickon Spring Water, a regional bottled water company, in the sale of its business to a worldwide supplier of bottled water.

Memberships

- President, Board of Trustees, Princeton Child Development Institute
- Member, Alumni Board, Georgetown University Law Center
- Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, The Bedens Brook Club

Featured Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, “The Importance of QoEs and How to Leverage Them for a Clean Deal,” Smart Business Dealmakers Conference

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Experience

Stradley Ronon Represents Maple Donuts in Acquisition by Swander Pace Capital
Stradley Ronon represented Maple Donuts, a Pennsylvania-based manufacturer of frozen bakery products, in its acquisition by Swander Pace Capital, a private equity firm focused on investing across the food and beverage industry. The transaction closed on May 30, 2025; the value was undisclosed.

The acquisition will allow Maple Donuts to further expand product offerings and enhance production capabilities.

The Stradley Ronon team was led by Tom Ix and Steve Scolari, with John Hook, Megan Stamm, Rich Peterson, Jon Bloom, Chris Rosenbleeth and Andrew Barron.

For more information, visit Swander Pace Capital’s website.

Stradley Ronon Advises Mini Melts in Investment by Altamont Capital Partners
A cross-practice team of Stradley Ronon lawyers represented Mini Melts USA, a producer and distributor of novelty ice cream products headquartered in the Philadelphia area, in the acquisition of a controlling interest by Altamont Capital Partners. Altamont Capital is a Palo Alto, California-based private investment firm with more than $4 billion in assets under management.

Altamont Capital partnered with Mini Melts to provide growth capital and support an expansion of its distribution footprint and manufacturing capabilities. Mini Melts' CEO and founder will remain in his role and as a major investor alongside Altamont Capital and the company's existing shareholders.

For more information on the deal, read this *Wall Street Journal* article. (Subscription required.)

NewSpring Capital Provides Debt Financing for Vac2Go Acquisition
Stradley Ronon client, NewSpring Capital, a private equity firm that partners with high-performing companies in dynamic industries to catalyze new growth and seize compelling opportunities, provided mezzanine debt financing and an equity co-investment in connection with the acquisition of Vac2Go, LLC, a leader in the growing vacuum truck industry. The acquisition will allow Vac2Go to grow its business and continue the expansion of its products and services.

United Packaging Acquired by Envoy Solutions
Stradley Ronon represented Bristol, PA-based United Packaging, a leading distributor of high-quality packaging, shipping, safety and janitorial supplies in its acquisition by Envoy Solutions. Envoy Solutions is a specialized distributor and solution provider serving the U.S. market through regional distributors of packaging, facility care and foodservice supplies. The acquisition allows United Packaging access to new world-class products and services while being part of a growing national platform.

Hughes Enterprises Acquired by Envoy Solutions
Stradley Ronon represented Hughes Enterprises, a leading packaging distribution company providing world-class packaging supplies and equipment, in its sale to Envoy Solutions, a diversified distribution company. Hughes Enterprises provides customized packaging solutions for a wide range of industries, including automotive parts, beverages, manufacturing and pharmaceuticals. The acquisition will allow Hughes Enterprises to increase its packaging capabilities by utilizing the strength of a national partner.

McClure Company Sells Majority Interest to SCA
Stradley Ronon represented the ownership group of McClure Company, one of Pennsylvania's largest mechanical contracting and energy services firms, headquartered in Harrisburg, in connection with the sale of a majority interest in McClure to Sojitz Corporation of America (SCA), which invests in global infrastructure, energy and sustainable businesses. Incorporated in 1953, McClure Company has a long history of delivering fully integrated mechanical construction, engineering, maintenance and energy-efficient services and solutions to its customers.

Envoy Solutions Acquired Penn Jersey Paper Co.
Stradley Ronon represented Penn Jersey Paper Co. (PJP), a specialized distribution company based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which distributes cleaning products, foodservice disposables and janitorial supplies in its sale to Envoy Solutions, a diversified distribution company. The acquisition is part of Envoy Solutions' approach to building a national platform offering facility supplies, foodservice disposables, packaging solutions and specialty marketing solutions. The transaction closed in early November 2021.

AdaptHealth LLC Acquires Agilis Med Holdings, LLC
Stradley Ronon served as counsel in the structured sale of Agilis Med Holdings, LLC, the parent company of Agile Medical, one of the largest e-commerce retailers of sleep apnea and respiratory equipment in the U.S., to AdaptHealth LLC (NasaqCM: AHCO),

a full-service home medical equipment company.

Keystone Shops Acquired by Trulieve Cannabis Corp.

Stradley Ronon represented Anna Holdings LLC, the owner of a dispensary permittee operating under the name Keystone Shops, in the sale of three Philadelphia-area medical cannabis dispensaries to Trulieve Cannabis Corp. The transaction resulted in a $60 million deal and will expand Trulieve’s presence in Pennsylvania.

Centurion Group Sold to Marsh & McLennan Agency

Stradley Ronon represented Centurion Group in its sale to Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC. Established in 2006, Centurion provides institutional retirement plan consulting and fiduciary services to clients with combined plan assets in excess of $16 billion and over 400,000 participants. Upon closing, Centurion will become part of Trion Group, a division of Marsh & McLennan Agency.

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).

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.

Steen Outdoor Advertising Sold in All-Cash Deal

Stradley Ronon represented Steen Outdoor Advertising, the largest independent provider of outdoor advertising in the Philadelphia region, in its sale to Louisiana-based Lamar Advertising Co., a leading owner and operator of outdoor advertising and logo sign displays, in an all-cash deal. Launched in 1932, Steen grew to become one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the region with a portfolio of 460 traditional billboards, including 23 digital billboards.

Spring Garden Lending Group on Solid Soil with Investment

Stradley Ronon’s corporate team assisted a group of former Valley Green Bank executives, led by former CEO Jay Goldstein, in the formation of Spring Garden Lending Group. The company specializes in short-term loans to help acquire, rehabilitate, construct and refinance investment real estate properties in Greater Philadelphia.

MFP Strategies Partners With Captrust

Stradley Ronon represented MFP Strategies in its acquisition by CAPTRUST Financial Advisors, one of the nation's leading independent and retirement-plan advisory firms. The transaction allows MFP Strategies to both broaden and strengthen its menu of services while helping to accelerate its growth.

Based in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, MFP Strategies has deep experience in wealth management and capital preservation strategies for private clients, investment advisory services for institutions, and investment and retirement plan advisory services for institutional plan sponsors.

Recycling Becomes a Family Affair

Stradley represented the Buff family in the acquisition of rePlanet, one of California's largest recyclers of aluminum, glass and plastic containers. Stradley also advised the Buff family with regard to the restructuring of rePlanet and other Buff affiliated companies into rePlanet Holdings, which controls a series of platform companies that focus on recycling post-consumer materials and use recycled material in the manufacture of food packaging products. As part of the corporate restructure, Stradley represented rePlanet Holdings with equity raises and debt financing.