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Ed is deputy managing partner and is also a partner in the firm's Business Group. Ed has extensive experience in private equity and venture capital investments, including early stage and growth equity financings, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. Ed also acts as outside general counsel to numerous private companies. Ed has represented clients in a wide range of industries but focuses his practice on pharmaceutical and gene therapy product development and manufacturing, biotechnology, health care and pharmaceutical company creation and expansion, medical and dental practice management, health care IT, contract research organizations, clinical research sites, clinical laboratories and ambulatory surgery centers.

During the last five years, Ed has closed more than 125 transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$9.0 billion.

Prior to joining Ice Miller, Ed practiced for 14 years at Goodwin Procter LLP in New York where he was a partner in the Private Equity Group.

Education

- Robert Morris University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1996)
- Boston University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1999)

Admissions

- New York
- Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- Ice Miller Board of Directors
- Chair, Ice Miller Finance Committee

Awards & Honors

- The *Best Lawyers in America*® for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2024-2026; Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2025-2026

Services & Industries

- Business
- Distressed Health Care & Life Sciences
- Distressed Investments
- Life Sciences & Biotechnology
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity

Community Involvement

- Adjunct Professor "Transactional Practice," Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Key Matters

Representative Transactions

- Represented DFW Capital Partners in its investments in:
 - Keane, Inc.
 - Covenant Surgical Partners, Inc.
 - Children's Dental Health Associates, Inc.
 - NEDM Dental Management, LLC
 - Andrews Security, Inc.
 - Evolution Research Group, LLC
- Represented Drive Capital in multiple investments.
- Represented CrownWheel Partners in connection with its acquisitions of multiple pharmaceutical product royalties.
- Represented Longitude Capital in its investment in Inozyme, Inc.
- Represented Auven Therapeutics in its investments in:
 - Kolltan, Inc.
 - Resolvix, Inc.
- Represented Celtic Pharma in its investment in Inspiration Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Represented Provivi, Inc. in connection with its Series A and Series B rounds of equity financing.
- Represented Bamboo Therapeutics, Inc. in its sale to Pfizer Inc.
- Represented Siren Interactive, Inc. in its sale to Dohmen Life Science Services, LLC.
- Represented Covenant Surgical Partners, Inc. in its sale to KKR.
- Represented North American Midway Entertainment, LLC in its sale to TownSquare Media, Inc. (NYSE: TSQ).
- Represented Keane, Inc. in its sale to Level Minnick Partners.
- Represented Andrews International, Inc. in its sale to Audax.
- Represented Balance Point Capital in its investment in Connoisseur Media, LLC.
- Represented NEDM Dental Management in its sale to Sentinel Capital Partners.
- Represented Clarity Software Solutions, Inc. in its sale to North Bridge Equity Partners.
- Represented Evolution Research Group, LLC in its acquisitions of:
 - Midwest Clinical Research Center, Inc.
 - Pacific Research Network, Inc.
 - Endeavor Clinical Trails, LLC
 - Clinical Pharmacology of Miami, Inc.

- Brain Matters Research, Inc.
- St. Louis Clinical Trails, Inc.
- Woodland International, Inc.
- Woodland Research Northwest

Success Stories

Ice Miller Represents Forge Biologics in \$620M Acquisition by Ajinomoto

Forge Biologics Holdings, LLC, a Columbus, Ohio-based premier gene therapy contract development & manufacturing organization, has been acquired by the Ajinomoto Group, a Japanese multinational food and biotechnology public company, in an all-cash \$620M deal.

The Ice Miller deal team was led by Edward Braum and Dann Bruno, with additional corporate support from Erik Olson, Kevin Burns, Ben Goodman, Chris Michael, Chelsea Abramowitz, Brigid Sharek, Huidi Shu, and Lisa Samblanet. Kathleen Scheidt, Dan Corsaro, Nick Casto, Sean Kim, Holly Banta, Cathy Strauss, Anthony Aaron, Grace Dahm, Nick Reuhs, and Brian Harvey provided specialist support.

Ice Miller has represented Forge since its inception in 2020 through its various rounds of venture capital financing, including its \$40M Series A financing in 2020, \$120M Series B financing in 2021, and \$90M Series C financing in 2022. Ice Miller Business Group partners Edward Braum and Sean Kim have represented Forge through its growth, with Ed overseeing the structuring and financing of the company, and Sean facilitating licensing and day-to-day commercial transactions.

This representation further highlights Ice Miller's rapidly growing life sciences practice, with the acquisition placing Forge in a position for long-term growth. The transaction also supports Ajinomoto's desire to extend its development and manufacturing of gene therapies worldwide.

Ice Miller Represents EVE Energy in a \$3B Joint Venture for Battery Cell Production in the U.S.

Ice Miller is representing EVE Energy Co., Ltd. (EVE), a global lithium battery company, in a joint venture with Accelera by Cummins, Daimler Truck and PACCAR to build a manufacturing plant in the United States, which is expected to have a range of \$2 to \$3 billion in total investment. This strategic joint venture will manufacture battery cells for commercial vehicles to help transition into clean energy.

Ice Miller Business Group partners Sean Kim and Edward Braum represent EVE as external counsel, with Sean as lead counsel responsible for overseeing the structuring and negotiation of the transaction. The deal team also includes Simone Park, Huidi Shu, Cody Laska, Josh Borean, Daniel Corsaro, Safet Metjahic, Ming He, Anthony Aaron, Dale Stackhouse, Grace Dahm, John Pence, and Mike Flint.

The location of the manufacturing plant is to be determined.

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Is the Future of M&A in the Hands of Machines?" Legal Week New York, 2018
- "Ice Miller LLP's CLE Forum - M&A Basics," Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 2016
- "GTC (Global Technology Community) 3rd Cell & Gene Therapy: Legal Consideration When Financing a Cell and Gene Therapy Company," Boston, MA, September 13, 2016
- "Opus Connect New York City Chapter Event - Unforeseen Pitfalls: Deal Issues and How They Were Resolved Roundtable," New York, July 19, 2016

- "Central Ohio M&A and Capital Markets Forum: The Current Debt and Equity Markets," Columbus, Ohio, June 15, 2016
- "Mergers and Acquisitions - Fundamental Deal Points," Ice Miller CLE Forum for In-House counsel, Indianapolis, Indiana, Dec. 11, 2015
- "Mergers and Acquisitions - Fundamental Deal Points," Ice Miller CLE Forum for In-House Counsel, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 1, 2015
- "Crowe Horwath Annual Accounting, Tax and Business Planning Seminar," Columbus, Ohio, December 12, 2014
- "Central Ohio M&A and Capital Markets Forum: How Deals Are Getting Done," Columbus, Ohio, June 23, 2015
- "Building Relationships: Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances," Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council, June 3, 2014