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Huidi Shu is an associate in the Business Group. Prior to joining Ice Miller, Huidi was a corporate associate at a New York Law Firm in its Mergers and Acquisitions Group. In this role, he counseled clients in a variety of M&A transactions, including mergers, stock purchases, asset purchases, joint ventures, divestitures, venture capital investments and other corporate matters.

Huidi also served as a corporate associate at several other New York law firms, representing Fortune 500 companies, international clients, and public and private companies in M&A transactions.

Huidi earned his juris doctor from Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law. While in law school, he served as an associate editor of the *Hofstra Law Review* and was a Dean's Scholar.

Education

- Shanghai University School of Law (LL.B, 2010)
- Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law (J.D., 2014)

Admissions

- New York

Professional Affiliations

- New York City Bar Association Asian Affairs Committee

Services & Industries

- Asia-Pacific Practice
- Advice to Directors & Officers
- Business
- Fund Formation & Operation
- International Legal Services
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Middle East Practice
- Portfolio Company Operations
- Private Equity

Success Stories

Ice Miller Represents Clients in the Acquisition of an IT Services Company
Ice Miller represented Virtual Technologies Group (VTG), a single source IT solutions provider backed by Jacmel Partners, on its acquisition of Whitlock Infrastructure Solutions (Whitlock). Whitlock is a software solutions and IT services firm specializing in IT operations management for enterprise organizations.

The acquisition strengthens VTG's commercial enterprise service capabilities and federal government services experience by leveraging Whitlock's managed IT services and deep relationships with leading software providers. The combined VTG platform, which is supported by strategic capital from Jacmel, will deliver comprehensive end-to-end managed IT and cybersecurity solutions to government agencies, education organizations, non-profits, and enterprise customers across diverse sectors including energy, manufacturing, healthcare, aerospace and defense, financial services, and technology.

The Ice Miller deal team was led by Michael Zaino with support from our Private Equity group, including Peter Frintzilas, Lisa Samblanet, Brian Schultz, Huidi Shu, Macey Miller, Nancy Kartos, Ben Goodman, and Devin Routie. Additional assistance was provided by Drew Miroff, Sandeep Kathuria, Tami Earnhart, Kayla Ernst, Kathleen Scheidt, Maria Montero, Ben Burdick, Clare Van Prooyen, Tiffany Releford, Nick Reuhs, and Jotionette Jones.

Ice Miller has been active in the private equity industry for over 40 years, representing both management teams building great companies and the private equity firms and individuals that invest in them. We have acted as lead counsel in numerous domestic and international transactions and in the past five years, our attorneys have closed over 1,500 transactions worth in excess of $60 billion.

Learn more about how Ice Miller serves private equity clients and gets complex deals done.

Ice Miller Assists Milestone Partners in its Acquisition of FORTH
Ice Miller represented Milestone Partners, a Philadelphia-based private equity firm specializing in technology-enabled services, in its majority equity investment in Set Forth, LLC (FORTH). FORTH is a leading provider of technology and payment processing solutions for the consumer debt settlement industry and specialty finance markets.

Milestone Partners collaborates with niche, high margin businesses with a focus on the financial solutions and technology sectors. This strategic investment will give FORTH and the management team the support needed to continue executing their vision of delivering reliable and innovative technology and payment solutions tailored to the needs of their clients, consumers, and business partners.

The Ice Miller deal team was led by Brian Korman and Ben Goodman, with additional support provided by the firm's robust bench of attorneys from across our Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Indianapolis, and Columbus offices.

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Ice Miller Advises Rethink Education in Investment of Saudi-based EdTech Company
Ice Miller client Rethink Education has invested in Aanaab, a Saudi-based digital training platform. Aanaab's mission is to empower teachers by offering distance courses to enhance the efficiency of teachers and educators across the globe. This transaction is Rethink's first investment in the Middle East.

Rethink Education is dedicated to helping unlock the full human potential of people in marginalized and underserved groups. They support mission-driven founders willing to tackle the hard problems to transform educational outcomes for all learners and seek investments that contribute to the betterment of our society, communities, and planet.

Founded in 2019, Aanaab works with leading institutions in the education realm to offer K-12 teachers and educators a range of courses, licensing, and qualifications, predominantly in Arabic, to advance their professional development. Aanaab is owned and operated by Saudi female entrepreneurs who are paving the way for digital innovation and the enhancement of Saudi Arabia's education sector.

Like many other areas of the world, regions in the Middle East and North Africa face the ongoing challenge of training and continually upskilling teachers and school leaders. Most of the education solutions in the region focus on the students, curriculum, or resources, often overlooking the teachers. Rethink's investment in Aanaab is an opportunity to build a comprehensive teacher professional development solution to address a major challenge.

Ice Miller Business group partners Frank Bayyari, Josh Borean, and associate Huidi Shu led the deal team with support from Devin Routie, Xuan Feng, Jacqueline Perrotta.

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.

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