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James McDonough is an associate in Ice Miller's Business Group, where he concentrates on private equity mergers and acquisitions. He serves a broad range of clients, including private companies, private equity firms and start-ups in a variety of industries.

Prior to joining Ice Miller, he was general counsel for a holding company for consumer brands.

James received his juris doctor from Cardozo School of Law, where he was an articles editor of the *Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal*. Prior to law school, James earned his Bachelor of Arts, from Trinity College - Hartford.

James is admitted to practice law in the state of New York.

Education

- Trinity College (CT) (B.A., *cum laude*, 2013)
- Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (J.D., 2016)

Admissions

- New York

Services & Industries

- Business
- Distressed Investments
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity

Success Stories

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.

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. 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 Represents White Wolf Capital Portfolio Company in Its Acquisition of Magenta

Ice Miller represented NewCo Plastics, a custom molded plastic parts manufacturer, and the portfolio company of White Wolf Capital Group, Inc., in its acquisition of Magenta and its affiliates, Permian Plastics LLC and MM Plastics LLC. Magenta and its affiliates provide a diversified custom injection plastic molding solution for customers within a wide array of target markets, including the healthcare, personal care, food and beverage, biotechnology, and chemicals industries.

The Ice Miller team was led by private equity partners [Thomas Kesoglou](#) and [Sam Raboy](#), with additional support from the deal team of Chelsea Abramowitz, [John Acquaviva](#), Barbara Bacon, [Holiday Banta](#), [Greg Barr](#), Jared Berkle, [Paul Bittner](#), [Sid Bose](#), [Ben Burdick](#), [Nick Casto](#), [Terri Czajka](#), [Grace Dahm](#), [Kayla Ernst](#), [George Gasper](#), [Ben Goodman](#), [Thomas Green](#), [Brian Harvey](#), [Ida Hyvarinen](#), [Nancy Kartos](#), [Brian Korman](#), Matthew Kriege, Cody Laska, [Jackie Lesser](#), Amy Luce, [James McDonough](#), Jackie Perrotta, [Nicholas Reuhs](#), [Devin Routie](#), [Lisa Samblanet](#), [Kathleen Scheidt](#), [Brian Schultz](#), Connor Skelly, [Dale Stackhouse](#), and Mike Tirman. Xuan Feng, who was a law clerk at the time, also assisted with the deal.

Ice Miller has represented White Wolf Capital, a private investment firm, in a multitude of transactions focusing on investment opportunities in North America across several industries, including manufacturing, business services, information technology, security, and aerospace and defense.

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