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Josh has a broad technology and business law background. He's worked as chief in-house counsel at a successful medical software start-up and as a corporate associate at a large regional firm, representing clients in a wide range of industries, including real estate development, restaurant franchising and operations, manufacturing, construction, software development, and data analytics.

He now represents early and growth-stage companies that are raising capital through seed and venture capital financing, representing their interests in both their capital raising legal needs, as well as their general business contracts, which often include software licensing, software as a service subscriptions, and service agreements.

Education

- Miami University (B.S., 2006)
- Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law (J.D., 2009)

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Ohio

Awards & Honors

- *Columbus CEO*'s Top Lawyers List, Venture Capital Law, 2024
- Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2014-2019

Community Involvement

- Foundation Board Member, The Buckeye Ranch, 2015-present

Services & Industries

- Business
- Emerging Companies Services
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Securities & Capital Markets
- Software Development & Licensing
- Software, eCommerce & Technology Transactions
- Technology
- Venture Capital

Success Stories

Ice Miller Helps Colossal Biosciences Secure $200 Million in Series C Financing to "De-Extinct" the Woolly Mammoth, Thylacine, and Dodo
Ice Miller served as co-counsel in the representation of client Colossal Biosciences, a leading-edge genetic engineering company, in the announcement of its $200 million Series C financing by TWG Global, a diversified holding company with operating businesses and investments in technology/AI, financial services, private lending and sports and media. Colossal will leverage this latest infusion of capital to continue to advance its genetic engineering technologies while pioneering new revolutionary software, wetware and hardware solutions, which have applications beyond de-extinction including species preservation and human healthcare. Since launching in September 2021, Colossal has raised $435M in total funding. This latest round of capital places the company at a $10.2 billion valuation. The Ice Miller team was led by TaeSoo Sean Kim, with support from Dann Bruno, Josh Borean, and Simone Park. Intellectual Property counsel was provided by Fabian Koenigbauer and Andrew Baraniak.

To learn more about this novel and impactful endeavor, please review Colossal's press release, which goes into great detail regarding its strides in the scientific breakthroughs toward "de-extinction," or bringing back extinct species like the woolly mammoth, thylacine and the dodo.

As noted in Colossal's release, "This funding will grow our team, support new technology development, expand our de-extinction species list, while continuing to allow us to carry forth our mission to make extinction a thing of the past."

Ice Miller Client MEDiC Life Sciences Secures Strategic Investment from LG and Hanmi Pharmaceutical
Known as a leading Silicon Valley-based functional genomics startup, MEDiC Life Sciences has been supported by Ice Miller since 2022. The firm counseled MEDiC in securing a strategic investment by LG and Hanmi Pharmaceutical, two large Korean companies that will accelerate the adoption of MEDiC's cancer biomarker discovery solution by pharmaceutical partners. The firm has also guided MEDiC in a prior seed funding initiative garnering $8 million from a group of investors as well as its licensing and collaboration deals.

MEDiC emerged from discoveries made through Stanford University's SPARK program and has developed a next-generation functional genomics platform to identify novel cancer biomarkers and therapeutic targets for both its internal and external oncology pipelines. MEDiC has partnered with multiple pharmaceutical companies, including Bristol Myers Squibb, to advance its oncology pipelines, while also internally developing its own first-in-class cancer therapies.

Ice Miller works with life science startups, such as MEDiC, at various stages of growth by providing legal and strategic guidance from pre-funding through multiple rounds of venture financing, licensing, and collaboration deals.

This deal is representative of the cross-border transactions that Ice Miller's Asia-Pacific practice has facilitated to aid our clients across the globe in ensuring that they achieve their objectives. Ice Miller partners TaeSoo Sean Kim and Josh Borean supported the client, with assistance from associate Simone Park.

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 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.