



## Kole M. Brinegar

Associate

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Kole Brinegar is an associate in Ice Miller's Business Services Group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, general corporate matters, corporate and partnership tax matters, and securities regulation. Kole assists publicly traded and privately held clients in an array of transactional and governance matters.

While in law school, Kole completed a judicial externship with the Honorable Justice Steven H. David of the Supreme Court of Indiana and served as a summer law clerk for the Honorable Judge Martha Blood Wentworth of the Indiana Tax Court. Kole was a summer associate at Ice Miller in 2019. He also worked as a law clerk in Ice Miller's Tax Group, where he gained experience in federal, state and local tax issues.

Kole earned his JD from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, *cum laude*. During law school, Kole was actively involved in the Indiana Law Review, Business Law Society and the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Society. Kole also earned an M.B.A. at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business during his time in law school, with a concentration in corporate finance.

As an undergraduate student, Kole played men's varsity basketball and was a member of the DePauw University Management Fellows economics and business honors program.

In his free time, Kole and his wife Emily enjoy traveling, exercising, hiking, and spoiling their dogs Maverick, Goose, and Henry.

### Education

- DePauw University (B.A., 2017)
  - Economics and Management
- Indiana University Kelley School of Business (M.B.A, 2020)
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2020)

### Admissions

- Indiana

### Services & Industries

- Business
- Tax

## Professional Affiliations

- Indiana State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section

## Awards & Honors

- Indiana *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2025-2026
- R. Stanley Lawton, Jr. Prize
- Papke Prize for Best Student Note in *Indiana Law Review*, Volume 53

## Community Involvement

- Noblesville First United Methodist Church
- Noblesville YoungLife

# Key Matters

- Represented private equity fund in multiple platform acquisitions in the tele-medicine and pharmacy space.
- Represented Benford Capital Partners in multiple platform and add-on acquisitions in the areas of Food Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Seismic Monitoring.
- Represented private equity portfolio company in the livestock health product space in multiple add-on acquisitions and sale transaction.
- Represented brokerage logistics firm in multiple add-on acquisitions.
- Represented tree service and line clearance business in a \$500,000,000 sale transaction.
- Represented a commercial HVAC aggregator in multiple add-on acquisitions.
- Represented family-owned ATV and UTV parts retailer in multiple add-on acquisitions and eventual sale transaction.
- Represented software startup company in a \$100,000,000 sale transaction.

# Success Stories

## Ice Miller Represents Clarus R&D Solutions in Acquisition by TriNet USA

Ice Miller LLP represented Clarus R&D Solutions, LLC in its sale to TriNet USA, Inc. (a subsidiary of TriNet Group, Inc.) Clarus R&D Solutions, LLC is a company founded in 2016 in Columbus, Ohio that has built a software platform that facilitates the acquisition of R&D and other tax credits for its business customers.

The Ice Miller deal team was led by partner Leslie Johnson and associates Erik Olson and Kole Brinegar with support from partners Gary Blachman, Sid Bose, Dustin DuBois and Brian Schultz and associates Donald Burton, Casey Wright and Abigail Barr and paralegal Lisa Samblanet.

# Published In

- “Finding the Way: Substantial Nexus After Wayfair,” *Indiana Law Review*, Volume 53

