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Lisa Samblanet is a paralegal in the Business Services Group of Ice Miller LLP. Lisa assists with all aspects of transactional matters, including due diligence, document preparation, closing coordination and post-closing matters. She is skilled in various areas of research, utilizing a variety of electronic resources. Lisa also assists with entity formation, qualification, merger and dissolution of all types of business entities, as well as securities work including preparation and filing of Form Ds and Blue Sky filings.

Over the course of Lisa's 33 year legal career, she has served as a paralegal at Rockbridge Capital LLC, Squire Sanders, Jones Day, Carlile Patchen & Murphy and Porter Wright, all in Columbus, Ohio. Additionally, she was employed by Bank One, in the legal department, in the areas of litigation and regulatory services.

Lisa is a member of the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio, an associate member of the Columbus Bar Association and a member of the Capital University Certified Legal Assistant Program Alumni Association. In addition, she has served on the Ohio Secretary of State's Advisory Committee.

Lisa graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a B.S. in Business, majoring in finance and she received her Paralegal Certificate from Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio whose Certified Legal Assistant Program is Columbus Bar Association endorsed and American Bar Association approved.

Education

- Miami University (B.S., 1986)
 - Business with a Major in Finance

Professional Affiliations

- Paralegal Association of Central Ohio
- Associate Member, Columbus Bar Association
- Capital University Certified Legal Assistant Program Alumni Association

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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 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 Berklee](#), [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.

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 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.