



Jeffrey J. Kennedy

ASSOCIATE

Jeff concentrates his practice on a wide variety of securities and general corporate matters for private and public companies.



Industries

Private Companies
Family Office Services

Practices

Corporate & Securities
— Capital Markets
— Corporate Governance & Securities Regulation
— Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPAC)
— Private Equity
— Fund Formation
— Institutional Investors
— Private Capital & Investment Funds
— Mergers & Acquisitions

Languages

Spanish

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, JD, 2020

Michigan State University, BA, summa cum laude, 2017

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Jeff counsels public and private company clients on a range of complex business transactions, including securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) transactions, and private equity fund formation and operation. Notably, he has experience assisting clients with the preparation of 1933 and 1934 Act filings, including the formation of special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) or “blank check companies.”

Jeff frequently represents issuers and underwriters in initial public offerings, registered public offerings, secondary offerings, and private placements. In addition, Jeff represents public company clients in connection with their ongoing reporting and disclosure requirements under the 1934 Act. He also regularly represents institutional investors in the formation of private equity funds and their investments in private investment funds and funds of funds.

Jeff’s representative experience includes performing due diligence on public and private companies, drafting registration statements on Form S-1, Form S-4, and Form S-3 for numerous securities offerings and strategic acquisitions. In addition, he prepares 1934 Act reports, proxy statements, and Section 16 compliance forms in connection with public company clients’ ongoing reporting obligations. He has also prepared subscription agreements and drafted side letters in connection with private investments by institutional investors, including private equity investment firms, charitable organizations, and high-net-worth individuals.

Publications

— “Significant New Private Fund Rules Adopted by SEC,” *ArentFox Schiff Alert* (Sep. 11, 2023)

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- Chicago Bar Association, Member
- The National LGBTQ+ Bar, Member

Life Beyond the Law

Jeff has a strong passion for gardening and plants. In his free time, he likes to go hiking and camping, and is always ready to explore Chicago's many breweries.

Bar Admissions

[Illinois](#)