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J. Allen Roberts is a member of the Firm's Corporate & Securities Service Team. He concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, banking, general business law and private equity and debt offerings including private placements of convertible debt, preferred stock, common stock and warrants.

Representative Transactions

- Representation of company in the services industry in connection with \$37million venture capital investment
- Representation of seller in manufacturing industry in \$60 million sale of business to publicly traded company
- Representation of restaurant franchisee in sale of over 60 restaurants to strategic buyer
- Representation of a retail grocery chain store sold through an auction process to private equity owned strategic buyer
- Representation of publicly traded company in the hospitality industry in the divestiture of certain assets to privately held affiliate
- Representation of a publicly traded financial institution in over 20 acquisitions of other financial institutions and in a \$300,000,000 sale of credit card portfolio
- Representation of a venture capital fund in acquisitions of companies in manufacturing and food services industries
- Representation of seller in mineral industry in \$60 million sale to strategic buyer
- Representation of privately held company in connection with contribution of Canadian assets to and formation of Canadian joint venture
- Representation of privately held company in connection with contribution of substantially all of assets to joint venture with publicly traded company
- Local counsel for two separate hostile takeover attempts of publicly traded companies

Honors

- AV rated by Martindale Hubbell Law Directory

Education

1995 - J.D., University of Tennessee; Research Editor of the *Tennessee Law Review* and recipient of the Manier, Herod, Hollabaugh and Smith Scholarship

1992 - B.B.A. (Business Administration), *magna cum laude*, Millsaps College; member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa

Seminars

Mr. Roberts has lectured at numerous seminars on mergers and acquisitions and corporate issues

Publications

- Co-Author with Joan MacLeod Heminway, *Bill of Sale in Tennessee: An Annotated Model Tennessee Bill of Sale*, 9 Transactions: Tenn. J. Bus. Law. 305 (2008)

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Nashville and Tennessee Bar Associations
- American Bar Association's Business Law Section and M&A Jurisprudence, M&A Trends, Negotiated Acquisitions and Private Equity M&A Subcommittees

Civic Involvement

- Board of The Sequoia Club, Inc.
- Board of The Preston Taylor Boys and Girls Club/YMCA
- Deacon at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville and Chair of the Personnel Committee
- Nashville Young Leaders Council
- Youth sports coach extraordinaire