

AUSTIN KELLEY | ASSOCIATE

Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Trusts and Estates



Austin focuses his practice on the areas of mergers and acquisitions, estate planning, estate and trust administration, and general corporate and business law.

His trusts and estates experience includes advising individuals and families on how to achieve their estate planning goals through tax planning, gifting, asset protection, and business

succession planning. He has also advised families and trustees in the administration of decedents' estates and trusts.

Austin's corporate experience has involved working with closely held businesses on matters throughout the business lifecycle, including business formation, contract negotiation, divestitures, ownership restructuring, and mergers and acquisitions. He has helped business clients achieve successful acquisitions and sales by guiding them through the closing and post-closing process, preparing purchase agreements, ancillary closing and corporate documents, providing legal due diligence, and handling administrative filings and requirements – all in compliance with the governing law of the applicable jurisdiction.

Prior to joining MPS, Austin worked as an associate at a mid-size west suburban law firm where his practice areas included estate planning, corporate and business law, and mergers and acquisitions.

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EDUCATION

- J.D., summa cum laude, Northern Illinois University College of Law
- B.S., cum laude, North Park University

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Florida

"We are a business-focused, entrepreneurial firm and tend to appeal to clients with similar perspectives and values. Like attracts like."

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EXPERIENCE

- Handled asset sale for a Chicago area hearing aid center to a larger company acquiring for rollup. In connection with the transaction completed post-closing coordination with client and accountant as to effecting release of tax-related stop order.
- Represented successful die-cutting and ultrasonic bonding manufacturer in an equity sale transaction to P/E firm acquiring for rollup. In connection with the transaction, assisted with an F-Reorganization and directing the client and advisors in responding to technical due diligence issue raised by potential buyer.
- Handled contemporaneous asset and real estate sale transactions for specialty packaging and shipping services provider. In connection with the asset transaction, assisted the seller with review and direction related to the buyer's post-closing use of seller's tax exemption certificate.
- Represented industrial supplier of OEM-grade heavy truck accessories in an equity sale transaction to P/E firm acquiring for rollup. In connection with the transaction, assisted with an F-Reorganization and directing the client and advisors in responding to technical due diligence issue raised by buyer. Coordinated with seller's foreign counsel related to the post-closing transfer of a Chinese subsidiary. Coordinated with the client related to the restructure of a mortgage to remove the company as a guarantor.

MEMBERSHIPS

- DuPage County Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

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