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With nearly a decade of experience working with public and private companies and funds, Kelly offers seasoned legal services in mergers and acquisitions, joint venture transactions, and securities law. In addition to her transactional practice, Kelly counsels public companies on securities law reporting requirements and corporate governance and provides general corporate law support to a variety of clients. Kelly was recently recognized for her capabilities by The M&A Advisor in connection with its “Deal of the Year” award.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Experience

- Has counseled clients in over \$1 billion of M&A transactions across various industries, including real estate, construction materials, manufacturing, transportation, energy, retail, and medical technology.
- Has represented investors and investment managers in over \$1 billion of real estate joint venture transactions.
- Has counseled public companies on SEC compliance and disclosure requirements.
- Has assisted companies with a variety of corporate matters throughout their life cycles including entity formation, capitalization, private offerings, and contract matters.

Representative Matters

- Represented public company in \$360 million divestiture of business segment.
- Represented public company in tax-free spin-off transaction.
- Represented manufacturer of construction materials in \$625 million recapitalization transaction.

Education

Florida State University College of Law,
JD (2013)

Florida State University, BS, Finance
and Business Management (2010)

Admissions

Florida

Practice Areas

[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

[Real Estate Capital Markets](#)

[Securities Offerings](#)

[Corporate & Securities](#)

[Corporate Governance](#)

- Represented medical device company in \$97 million cross-border merger transaction.
- Represented architecture firm in \$185 million sale transaction to private equity buyer.
- Represented gas station and convenience store chain in strategic acquisition.
- Represented medical technology company in sale transaction.

Educational Activities

- Florida State University College of Law
 - Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch](#)
 - Corporate Law (2025-2026)
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2025-2026)
 - Real Estate Law (2025-2026)
 - Securities Regulation (2026)
- M&A Deal of the Year (between \$100,000,000 and \$250,000,000), The M&A Advisor (2021)
- Professional Services - B2B Deal of the Year, The M&A Advisor (2021)
- [Florida Super Lawyers](#)'Rising Star' (2020, 2023-2025)

Articles & Speeches

Alerts

[SEC Modernizes Regulation S-K Disclosure Requirements](#), Securities Alert (August 28, 2020)