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OVERVIEW

Jeffrey Acre maintains a corporate practice focusing on securities law matters, various financing transactions and mergers and acquisition transactions. Jeffrey has experience in representing publicly traded and privately held clients in a variety of stock and asset transactions and financing arrangements. Jeffrey's practice also encompasses public and private securities offerings, as well as securities law and stock exchange compliance issues. In addition, Jeffrey's corporate practice includes counseling corporations regarding structuring and general corporate matters, including corporate governance obligations.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of “Lawyer of the Year” award in Corporate Compliance Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Pittsburgh, 2024
- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Pittsburgh
  - Corporate Compliance Law, 2022-2024
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023-2024
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. Continuing Legal Education Series, Corporate/SEC seminar (May 2003)

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 1999
- B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 1996 *(with distinction)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 31 December 2020, SEC Proposes Revisions to Rule 144 and Form 144
- 20 July 2018, Bigger Is Smaller: SEC Amends Its Definition of “Smaller Reporting Company,” Making Related Disclosure Relief Available to More Companies
- 21 July 2015, SEC Proposes Rules on Clawback Policies & Other Dodd-Frank Act Executive Compensation Updates

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Author, “Sarbanes-Oxley Planning & Compliance,” *published by Thompson Publishing Group*, November 2003.
- Co-Author, “Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002: Implications for Environmental Counsel,” *prepared for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Environmental Law Forum 2004*.
- Contributing Author, “Securities Practice Guide,” *published by LexisNexis*, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2017 editions.

NEWS & EVENTS

- 11 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises ATI Inc. on US$450 Million Senior Notes Offering
- 14 November 2025, K&L Gates Advises WesBanco in its Public Offering of Depositary Shares
- 20 March 2025, K&L Gates Advises PPG Industries in €900 Million Notes Offering
- 18 March 2025, K&L Gates Advises WesBanco in its Acquisition of Premier Financial Corp.
- 28 January 2025, K&L Gates Advises Universal Stainless and Alloy Products in its Acquisition by Aperam
- 17 August 2023, Nearly 400 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2024 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

- 16 November 2018, K&L Gates Advises II-VI Incorporated on US$3.2 Billion Acquisition Agreement with Finisar Corporation

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Mining, Minerals, and Metals

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented ATI Inc. (NYSE: ATI) in connection with its underwritten public offering of US$450 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.875% Senior Notes due 2033.
- Represented PPG Industries, Inc. (NYSE: PPG) in connection with its underwritten public offering of US$700 million aggregate principal amount of its 4.375% Notes due 2031.
- Advised WesBanco, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSBC) in connection with an underwritten public offering of 9.2 million depositary shares, each representing a 1/40th interest in a share of its 7.375% Fixed-Rate Reset Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B.
- Represented PPG Industries, Inc. in its underwritten public offering of €900 million aggregate principal amount of 3.250% Notes due 2032.
- Represented WesBanco, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSBC) in connection with its acquisition of Premier Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: PFC) in a stock-for-stock merger.
- Represented Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. (NASDAQ: USAP) in connection with its acquisition by Aperam US Holdco LLC (OTCMKTS: APEMY), an affiliate of Aperam S.A.
- Represented WesBanco, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSBC), a bank holding company headquartered in Wheeling, West Virginia, in connection with a private placement of approximately 7.3 million shares of common stock with several institutional accredited investors for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately US$200 million.
- Represented ATI Inc. (NYSE: ATI) in connection with its underwritten public offering of US$425 million aggregate principal amount of 7.250% Senior Notes due 2030.

- Represented Dallas, Texas-based ATI Inc. (NYSE: ATI) in the sale of assets that had been used in its specialty rolled products conversion business in Pico Rivera, California. The buyer was Ulbrich of California, Inc.
- Represented WesBanco, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSBC) in its registered public offering of US$150 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.75 Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Notes due 2032.
- Represented Allegheny Technologies Incorporated (NYSE: ATI) in its underwritten public offering of US$675 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes and related redemption of an existing series of senior notes.