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Education

- Duquesne University, *Duquesne Law Review*, Articles Editor, JD
- Dartmouth College, *With Distinction*, BA

Practices & Industries

- Corporate

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Pennsylvania

Biography

A corporate transactional attorney with over 30 years of legal experience, F. X. primarily concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, financings, and commercial transactions for middle-market clients in industries that include brewing and other beverage products, railroad products, metal processing, insurance, financial printing, software development, industrial valve manufacture, and others. He also represents entrepreneurs in the start-up phases of their business and established businesses in financial stress before and after bankruptcy.

In addition to his role at Barclay Damon, F. X. is the founder and managing partner of the Matt Law Firm, PLLC, a three-attorney firm focusing on corporate and commercial transactions for its middle-market clients.

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Representative Experience

- Represented a railroad wheels-and-axles manufacturer in the $340 million sale of its business to a Japanese multinational conglomerate.
- Developed and negotiated a series of “take or pay” purchase and sale contracts, providing the client seller with a guaranteed income stream from customers to support the financing of its $40 million facility expansion.

- Represented the winning bidder for the acquisition of the assets of a spring water bottling and sales operation under a Section 363 bankruptcy court order.
- Represented a local manufacturer in its acquisition of a series of adjacent real estate parcels to enable the plant expansion with industrial development authority financing.
- Represented an integrated steel producer and manufacturer of railroad wheels and axles in its strategic acquisition of the railroad-wheel subsidiaries of a French steel conglomerate. The acquisition, which was negotiated and closed in France, required senior debt and mezzanine financing totaling over $130 million and the recapitalization of the acquiring company.
- Represented a wire-products manufacturer in a series of roll-up acquisitions of its distributors. Each acquisition required an additional round of senior asset-based financing and mezzanine-subordinated debt.
- Represented a finance company in the formation of a bankruptcy remote affiliate for financing its purchase of trade receivables. The transaction required senior debt and mezzanine financing to support the finance company's operations.
- Represented a debtor-in-possession in the sale of its assets, an integrated steel mill, and manufacturer of rolls and castings for the steel industry.
- Represented an integrated manufacturer in a $140 million high-yield senior secured notes (Rule 144A) offering.
- Represented a syndication of banks providing senior acquisition and recapitalization financing to support roll-up acquisitions by an electrical-products distributor for the utility industry.

Prior Experience

- Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Of Counsel
- Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, Partner

Selected Community Activities

- Munson, Former Board of Trustees President, Board of Trustees Chair
- Utica Public Library, Former Board of Trustees President
- Sculpture Space Board of Trustees, Former Member
- Boy Scouts of America, Former Revolutionary Trails Council Board of Directors Member

Selected Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated for Preeminent Ethical Standards and Legal Ability