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Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2009 (*cum laude*; Associate Editor and Notes Editor, *Michigan Law Review*)

B.A., Michigan State University, 2006

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Robert Holmes Bell,
U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Michigan

Lance Phillips' practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, controlling and noncontrolling equity transfers, corporate finance, SEC and other regulatory compliance matters, shareholder activism and corporate governance.

Mr. Phillips has represented clients in a variety of significant and complex M&A transactions. His M&A representations include, among others:

- Rockwell Collins, Inc. in its \$30 billion acquisition by United Technologies Corporation;
- WEC Energy Group, Inc. in its:
 - acquisition of the Forward Wind Energy Center;
 - sale of Trillum CNG to Love's Travel Stops; and
 - \$5.7 billion acquisition of Integrys Energy Group, Inc.;
- The Middleby Corporation in its:
 - \$1 billion acquisition of the Taylor Company from United Technologies Corporation;
 - acquisition of CVP Systems, Inc.;
 - acquisition of Burford Corporation;
 - acquisition of Lynx Grills, Inc.; and
 - acquisition of Follett Corporation;
- Essendant, Inc. in the termination of its merger agreement with Genuine Parts Company and subsequent \$1 billion sale to an affiliate of Staples, Inc.;
- Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. in its \$340 million acquisition of Pacon Holdings Corp. from Mason Wells;
- Colfax Corporation in the sale of its fluid handling business to CIRCOR International, Inc. for aggregate consideration of \$863 million;
- Arclin Chemical in its:
 - sale to a private equity fund; and
 - acquisition of the North American operations of Coveright Surfaces;
- Stampede Meat in its sale to Wynnchurch Capital;
- the minority holders of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC in the proposed \$2.4 billion sale of their interest to NextEra Energy, Inc.;
- OAO Severstal in the sale of its Severstal Columbus and Severstal Dearborn steelmaking facilities to Steel Dynamics Inc. and AK Steel Corporation, respectively, for \$2.3 billion;
- TECO Energy in the sale of its coal unit Cambrian Coal Corporation;
- Visteon Corporation in the:
 - \$3.6 billion sale of its 70 percent interest in Halla Visteon Climate Control Corp. to an affiliate of Hahn & Company and Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.; and

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- restructuring of its interests in various Chinese automobile interiors and electronics joint ventures in a series of transactions valued at \$1.5 billion;
 - AutoNation, Inc. in its acquisition of the Allen Samuels Auto Group;
 - a leading publicly traded business development company in its acquisition of an electrical services company;
 - Safety-Kleen, Inc. in its \$1.25 billion sale to Clean Harbors, Inc.;
 - CME Group Inc. in its contribution of the Dow Jones family of indices to a joint venture with The McGraw-Hill Companies valued at \$3 billion, to which The McGraw-Hill Companies contributed the S&P family of indices;
 - Exelon Corporation in its \$7.9 billion acquisition of Constellation Energy Group, Inc.;
 - ACCO Brands Corp. in its \$860 million acquisition of the consumer and office products division of MeadWestvaco Corp. in a Reverse Morris Trust transaction; and
 - Stryker Corporation in its \$316 million acquisition of Orthovita, Inc.

Mr. Phillips also advises clients in financing transactions in the public and private capital markets.