



## JOHN R. MOORE

### PARTNER

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John Moore is a partner in the firm's Financial and Real Estate Services practice group. His law practice primarily focuses on mergers and acquisitions and real estate transactions. John regularly assists clients of all sizes with commercial, finance and real estate transactions, mergers, acquisitions and restructurings, and general corporate governance and compliance.

John's background in economics and tax lends well to the complex business transactions he supports today. John counsels clients through all stages of mergers and acquisitions as well as real estate transactions. He often serves as the lead counsel for companies acquiring other businesses, including forming and presenting an initial offer, performing due diligence, negotiating and preparing transactional documents, reviewing and addressing real estate matters, and closing transactions.

John also has experience navigating and advising on SEC and FINRA rules as well as internal policies and written supervisory procedures for broker-dealers and investment advisers. John previously passed and held his Series 7, 24 and 66 licenses.

### BACKGROUND

Before joining Armstrong Teasdale, John served as compliance counsel for a large local broker-dealer advising internal business units on SEC, FINRA, and internal rules and policies. Prior to that, John was an associate at Armstrong Teasdale, advising and representing clients in loan restructurings and workouts, bankruptcy and commercial litigation matters, and documenting complex secured and unsecured financing transactions for institutional lenders and other financial institutions as well as borrowers. While in law school, John served as a legal intern at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and as a judicial extern for the Honorable Audrey G. Fleissig, United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015)
  - Woolsack Honor Society
  - Academic Excellence Awards (Highest Grade) in Advanced Legal Research and Family Law
  - Saint Louis University Law Journal (Editor)
  - St. Louis University Tax Club (Vice President)

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Emerging Companies

Franchising and Distribution

Private Equity and Venture Capital

Real Estate

Franchise Business

Acquisitions

Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition

### ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

- Northwestern University (B.A., *Dean's List*, 2010)
  - Economics and Political Science
  - Northwestern University Club Baseball Team

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association

## ACCOLADES

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Acquisition of Early Childhood Franchisor; Ongoing Development and Real Estate Work**

Represented a micro private equity fund in the acquisition of a national franchisor of early childhood centers. Ongoing involvement with the company includes corporate formation, business acquisitions, real estate acquisitions and real estate development.

### **Formation and Acquisition of Cleanroom Certification Companies; Incentive Plan**

Represented the acquirer of cleanroom certification companies through formation and corporate structuring, acquisition of an initial target company and two subsequent add-on acquisitions throughout 2023 having a total value of approximately \$10 million, as well as the adoption of an equity incentive plan.

### **Search Fund Formation, Structuring and Acquisitions of Early Childhood Centers; Credit Facility**

Represented search fund in formation, structure and acquisition of early childhood centers throughout the United States. Representation has continued with the acquisition of 25 school locations and associated real estate throughout 2023 with a total value in excess of \$38 million, as well as the closing of a \$37 million credit facility.

### **\$47 Million in Acquisitions for Engineering Planning and Design Firm**

Represented the buyer, an engineering planning and design services firm, in the acquisition of three engineering companies located in California, Colorado and Texas, for a total value of approximately \$47 million.