

# Robert A. Rosenbaum

## Partner

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Bob advises public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters, as well disclosure obligations for SEC registrants.

Bob advises publicly and privately held companies on the full arc of their most consequential corporate decisions — from mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) compliance, public company disclosures, and executive compensation. For buyers and sellers alike, Bob brings a practitioner's command of deal dynamics. He advises boards of directors and special committees navigating high-stakes auction processes and sell-side engagements, and he counsels companies through the governance and disclosure obligations that follow. His work spans strategic buyers, private equity sponsors, family-owned businesses, ESOP-owned companies, and the financial advisers who serve them.

Bob also advises boards and committees on sensitive matters involving executive departures, where careful governance and clear process are essential. That breadth — from transaction structuring through post-closing governance — means clients have a single, steady hand across the lifecycle of a deal.

Over the years, Bob has lectured on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and public company securities law compliance, and he serves as the moderator of the annual corporate governance panel at Dorsey's Corporate Counsel Symposium.

Bob's clients include companies across the food, beverage and agribusiness, mining and industrial sectors, among others. Whether advising a manufacturer on a stock acquisition, a special committee through a contested sale process, or a public company board on its disclosure obligations, Bob delivers the kind of judgment that only comes from decades of doing this work at the highest level.

## Select Experience

## Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1981)
  - Editor, *Harvard Law Review*, 1979-1981
- Princeton University (A.B., Economics, 1978)
  - *cum laude*
  - Phi Beta Kappa

## Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

## Mergers & Acquisitions — Sell-Side

- Advised a publicly held medical device company on its sale to a strategic buyer.
- Advised the special committee of an ESOP-owned manufacturer of consumer products through a competitive auction process and the successful sale of the entity.
- Advised multiple family-owned and closely held companies on sales to private equity firms, counseling owners through transaction structuring, governance, and deal process.
- Advised a financial adviser across multiple sell-side public company engagements, providing M&A counsel on transaction process and deal execution.

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association-Member, Business Law Section
- Minnesota State Bar Association-Member, Chapter 302A Subcommittee of Business Law Section, 1999-present
- Board of Directors, The Guthrie Theatre, 2002-present; Treasurer
- Board of Directors, The Chad Greenway “Lead the Way” Foundation, 2011–present
- Board Member, Children’s HeartLink, 2010 – 2019; former Board Chair

## Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2006-2027
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Legal 250, 2026
- *Chambers USA*, Band One, Corporate/M&A, Minnesota, 2004-2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2002-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, “Top Lawyers in Minnesota,” 2024-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Minneapolis, 2013, 2018, 2020, 2025
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Corporate Law, Minneapolis, 2014, 2024
- *Legal 500*, “Private Practice M&A Powerlist: USA Region,” 2023-2024
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, “The Power 30: Mergers & Acquisitions,” 2023
- *IFLR1000*, Highly Regarded - State, 2018-2021, 2023
- *Leaders in Law*, Global Award “Corporate Governance Lawyer of the Year in Minnesota,” 2020
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, ICON Honorees, 2019
- *Legal 500*, Recommended in Mergers & Acquisitions, 2015, 2019
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®

## Select Speaking Engagements

Annual moderator, corporate governance panel at Dorsey’s Corporate Counsel Symposium

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## Insights

December 1, 2025

**SEC Fundamentally Alters the Shareholder Proposal Process for Upcoming Proxy Season**

July 30, 2025

**Minnesota to Permit Ratification and Validation of Defective Corporate Acts**

January 26, 2023

**Robert A. Rosenbaum Selected by Minnesota Lawyer as POWER 30 Top M&A Attorneys for Minnesota in 2023**

October 3, 2019

**Minnesota Lawyer Announces 2019 ICON Honorees**

June 21, 2018

**2018 Amendments to the Minnesota Business Corporation Act**