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Fred Leech is a Partner with Leech Tishman's Corporate Practice Group where he co-leads the Mergers & Acquisitions, Secured Transactions and Securities Groups. Fred regularly provides legal advisory services to business clients on acquisition transactions, securities matters and financings.

Fred has served as lead or co-lead legal counsel on a number of significant acquisition and capital markets transactions, including:

- Stock sale of a leading provider of software designed to generate dynamic reporting from enterprise resource planning platforms.
- Representation of a national real estate private equity company in connection with the acquisition of multi-family assets in select U.S. markets utilizing general solicitation private placement exemptions authorized under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D.

- Representation of Mellon Financial Corporation in the combination with The Bank of New York Corporation to form The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.
- Sale by Mellon Financial Corporation of its retail bank to Citizens Financial.
- Acquisition by Northill Capital (London) of a majority equity interest in Riverbridge Partners (US-based investment adviser).

Fred also regularly represents SEC and state registered investment advisers in regulatory, compliance and acquisition matters.

During his time with Leech Tishman, Fred has served as an active firm leader, both as previous Chair of the firm's Corporate Practice Group and as a past member of Leech Tishman's Management Committee. Prior to joining Leech Tishman, Fred was Partner with Reed Smith, and served for 15 years as Practice Leader of Reed Smith's Financial Services and Investment Management Practice Groups.

### Academics

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law  
B.A., with high honors, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan

### Admissions

Pennsylvania  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

### Experience

Reed Smith

### Professional Memberships

Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Allegheny County Bar Association

### Professional Accolades

#### *Martindale-Hubbell*

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating  
(1995-2019)

#### *Best Lawyers*

*The Best Lawyers in America*: Banking and Finance Law (2015-2022), Corporate Law (2021, 2022)

*Best Lawyers Pennsylvania* (2015-2022), Corporate Law (2021, 2022)

Best Lawyers Pittsburgh: Banking and Finance Law (2015-2022), Corporate Law (2021, 2022)

### **Publications**

- “SEC Proposing Releases – Enhancing Investment Adviser Regulation and Regulation Best Interest: SEC Seeks Harmonization of Duties Within Existing Business Models,” May, 2018
- “Adoption of the Pennsylvania Uniform Limited Liability Company Act”
- “Duties of and Relationships Among Members,” April, 2017
- “Governance and Economic Rights of Members,” May, 2017
- “Actions by Members,” May, 2017

### **Speeches and Presentations**

- “What’s The Big Deal? – Significant Financing Events, Acquisitions, and Strategic Partnerships,” Pittsburgh Enterprise Forum – Pittsburgh, November 15, 2017.
- “*Fifty Shades of Green – Capital Formation Opportunities under the JOBS Act*,” MIT Enterprise Forum-Pittsburgh, Nov. 15, 2016
- “*Personal Securities Trading, Ethics and Compliance*,” The Knowledge Group, Feb. 26, 2016
- “*The JOBS Act and Rule 506(c) – Opportunities and Challenges*,” Leech Tishman Continuing Education, July 12, 2016

### **Community Involvement**

- Fox Chapel Borough (Board Member)
- Fox Chapel Area School District (Board Member)
- Salvation Army of Western Pennsylvania (Board Member)
- CLO of Pittsburgh (Board Member)
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (Board Member)