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Brendan represents public and private companies in mergers and acquisitions in a broad range of industries. He has significant experience with private equity financings and representing financial institutions in capital raising activities, mergers and acquisitions, and bank regulatory matters.

OVERVIEW

Brendan assists clients, such as public and private companies, private equity investment firms, financial institutions, fintech, and other financial services companies, with mergers and acquisitions and general corporate law matters. He also represents sellers of businesses to financial and strategic buyers.

As part of the full range of services he provides, Brendan advises clients on structural issues and reviews, in addition to preparing and negotiating purchase agreements and various ancillary documents in connection with mergers and acquisitions. He also focuses on assisting community banks with bank regulatory matters, assisting publicly and privately held businesses with public offerings and private placements of debt and equity securities, and representing public companies in SEC reporting, corporate governance, and compliance matters.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented Left Lane Auto, LLC, a tire retail and automotive-service platform with more than 75 locations across the U.S., in its equity sale to Bertram Capital Partners.
- Represented America II Electronics in a recapitalization led by Wynnchurch Capital.
- Represented Tidal Wave Auto Spa in a recapitalization led by Golden Gate Capital Partners.
- Represented BNC Bancorp in connection with its acquisitions of High Point Bank Corp. and Southcoast Financial Corp. and in connection with its sale to Pinnacle Financial Partners.
- Represented Sunset Ventures, LLC in a recapitalization led by Legacy Service Partners.
- Represented Brand Group Holdings Inc. in connection with its sale to Renasant Corp.
- Represented Gunnison Tree Services, LLC in a recapitalization led by Warren Equity Partners.
- Represented Inmark LLC in a recapitalization led by Quad-C Management Inc.
- Represented Mangrove Equity Partners LP in connection with its acquisitions of Computer Aided Technology LLC, Filling Machines & Systems, Inc., Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, Metals Treatment Technologies, LLC, R.C. Rasmussen Corp., Wild Goose Canning Technologies Inc. and Vintage Air, LLC, and in connection with its

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sales of Computer Aided Technology LLC, Filling Machines & Systems, Inc., Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, MEP Gayesco Inc., Excalibur Crossbow Inc., Integrated Global Services Inc., North American Aircraft Services Inc., ReadyLift Suspension, Inc., Tioga Air Heaters LLC, and Westland Technologies Inc.

- Represented Repay Holdings Corporation in connection with its acquisitions of APS Payments, BillingTree, cPayPlus, LLC, CPS Payment Services, Payix, TriSource Solutions and Ventanex.
- Represented Pugh Oil Co. in a recapitalization led by Tenex Capital Partners.
- Represented United Community Banks Inc. in connection with its acquisitions of Four Oaks Fincorp Inc., HCSB Financial Corp., Navitas Credit Corp. and Palmetto Bancshares Inc.
- Represented W.A. Kendall and Co. in a recapitalization led by Blue Point Capital Partners.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Financial Services
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- Financial Services
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Payments + Financial Technology
- Private Equity

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Advisory Board, Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy Inc.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2010
- University of Georgia, MAcc, 2007
- University of Georgia, B.B.A., *with honors, summa cum laude*, 2006

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “M&A Deal Trends Update: Deal Flow During a Season of Distinction,” ACG Atlanta M&A South 2021 Conference, February 23, 2021.

- Presenter, “Bank Holding Companies, Bank Subsidiaries & Partnering with FinTech and Others,” State Bar of Georgia Banking Law Program, Feb. 2, 2018.
- Presenter, “Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Bank Charter: The Final Rules,” State Bar of Georgia Banking and Finance Law Seminar, Feb. 7, 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “Georgia’s Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Bank Act,” *The Green Sheet*, March 24, 2014.