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David Coombs is a business and securities law counselor and transactional attorney who works with emerging and mature companies, as well as investors, entrepreneurs, executives and scientists, in technology, e-commerce, life sciences, investment management, real estate and other industries. He also advises sponsors and investors in the formation of private investment funds and participants in other capital formation transactions, including EB-5 offerings. David serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate group.

Perspective

David brings an unconventional background to his practice. He started in the software industry while pursuing mathematics and computer science at MIT. David continued on that path for several years as a software designer and project manager. This background has obvious relevance to the technology aspects of David's legal practice and fuels his passion for the space. He also has found that his training in creative problem-solving and strategic thinking can apply broadly across industry lines. Clients also appreciate David's familiarity with "real world" issues facing managers and decision-makers and the need for practical solutions.

Affiliations

- General Counsel and Board of Directors, MIT Enterprise Forum, 2004-2011

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (S.B., 1991)
- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1998)

Representative Matters

AXA IM Alts and its Affiliates in one of the Largest Industrial Portfolio Acquisitions of 2020

Representation of AXA IM Alts and its affiliates in one of the largest industrial portfolio acquisitions of 2020. The portfolio consists of 27 assets in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Central New Jersey, Dallas, South Florida, Southern New Jersey and Atlanta. In a significant step in its strategy to grow a U.S. wide logistics platform, AXA IM Alts, on behalf of clients and through a joint venture with Cabot Properties, Inc., acquired the 7,984,000 s/f portfolio for approximately \$875 million, through a share purchase of a REIT previously managed by Cabot Properties. Representation included all matters related to property diligence, structuring, joint venture, purchase, financing, tax and environmental considerations of the property, including tax and structuring issues relating to cross-border investments.

CrediFi Series B Round

Representation of CrediFi in connection with its Series B round.

Healthcare IT Solutions Company General Outside Counsel

Representation of a healthcare IT solutions company as general outside counsel, including a recapitalization and growth investment by private equity sponsor WestView Capital Partners.

Team Launch General Outside Counsel

Team Launch, as general outside counsel and in representing various of its portfolio companies, including venture financings with lead investors such as Accel Partners, General Catalyst and Forerunner Ventures.

Cloud Security Company \$300M Sale to Cisco

Representation of the founders and senior management of a cloud security company in connection with the \$300 million sale to Cisco.

RueLaLa \$250M Sale to GSI Commerce

RueLaLa in connection with its \$350M sale to GSI Commerce, including assistance to selling shareholders in disposing of public company stock consideration through a registered underwritten offering.

Allianz Investments in U.S. Real Estate Funds

Representation of Allianz in connection with investments in U.S. real estate funds, including a \$500M investment in Blackstone's global opportunity fund, as well as investments of \$100M or more in funds sponsored by Beacon Capital, Crow Holdings and LBA Realty.

Allianz \$200M+ Strategic Real Estate Investment

Representation of Allianz Real Estate in connection with a \$200+ million strategic real estate investment with Archstone and CPP Investment Board starting with co-investments in two class A luxury apartment communities in Boston and Washington DC Metro.

CrossHarbor Capital Partners Outside General Counsel

Providing service to CrossHarbor Capital Partners, as general outside counsel and in connection with capital raising activities, including over \$500 million in private capital formation transactions to finance its various real estate investments and related activities in Big Sky, Montana, commencing with its landmark acquisition of the Yellowstone Club.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard Eb-5 Financing for Redevelopment

Representation of The Brooklyn Navy Yard in connection with EB-5 financing for the redevelopment of Building 77 into a mixed-use property.

Oxfam America Activities of Shareholder Activist Fund

Pro bono representation of Oxfam America in connection with the activities of its shareholder activist fund, including submission and presentation of Rule 14a-8 shareholder proposals and related proxy campaigns on pressing social issues such as gender equality, workplace safety, climate change, and diversity. Target companies have included Chevron, Mondelez, Coca-Cola, General Mills and Tyson.

Publications

July 2018

Considering The Uncertain Future Of The EB-5 Program

Law360

October 2017

Extended Again: No Policy Changes for EB-5, Yet

May 2017

Extended Again: No Policy Changes for EB-5, For Now

March 2017

The Future of EB-5 is Being Viewed through a Different Lens

December 2016

Update: EB-5 Program Receives Another Short-Term Extension

December 2015

Update: EB-5 Regional Center Program Receives Additional Short-Term Extension

October 2015

What's Market? Update: Securities

October 2015

Short-Term Government Funding Measure Extends EB-5 Regional Center Program through December 11, 2015

October 2014

"Move Over, Widgets. Real Estate Investments Come Of Age In Crowdfunding," Banker & Tradesman

September 2014

Crowdfunding: How the Web and Social Media are Changing the Face of Real Estate Investment