

Frank Zaffere

PARTNER

Frank Zaffere has worked for more than 35 years as an attorney, and his decades in the field have been characterized by a diverse and impressive array of experiences. His career reveals his ability to successfully take on new challenges for a wide range of clients, from entrepreneurs to established companies and institutions. Frank's business-related law background includes significant experience in numerous areas, including corporate finance, international transactions, mergers and acquisitions, leveraged leases, joint ventures, mutual fund, investment adviser, broker-dealer and commodity firm representation, structured finance and asset securitization.

At Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, Frank continues to focus his attention in the business law arena. In short, he is a seasoned practitioner who has been exposed to all manner of legal and financial issues and problems faced by his clients.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Closely Held Businesses and Startups
International Business Transactions
Structured Finance and Asset Securitization

Over the years, Frank has repeatedly demonstrated the kind of organizational skills that are invaluable to clients. When representing start-ups, he understands that for great ideas to succeed, a firm's attention must be focused in a specific and logical way. In a very different situation, he has also effectively supervised the orderly disposition of assets of a failed enterprise. Frank has the kind of sound judgment that can help companies navigate through the complexities of business, financial and legal issues.

In his early years as an attorney, Frank worked for a prestigious law firm in its New York and Washington, D.C. offices. His experiences with this firm included representing major bracket underwriters in connection with public offerings of securities in the United States and abroad and several significant mutual fund complexes and their investment advisers. In the same time period, he represented a major equity participant involved in leveraged lease transactions and several Fortune 500 companies.

When he came to Chicago in 1980, Frank worked on an equally varied and extensive variety of projects, as he applied his background in finance and business law to handle public and private securities offerings and mergers and acquisitions as well as regulatory compliance issues and bank financing transactions. During this time, he represented a wide range of clients, including several regional investment banking firms, two local commercial banks, a highly respected clearing firm at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, a substantial local private equity firm and a major media company.

Frank was also a member of Schuyler, Roche & Crisham's business enterprise practice group between 1993 and 1998, and was primarily responsible for the firm's mergers and acquisitions practice. At the time, he also represented a large privately owned company engaged in a national single invoice factoring business. His work on behalf of this client included developing the client's template customer agreements, negotiating the client's credit lines with several area banks and other lenders, and creating and implementing a legal and business restructuring plan for the client.

Frank returned to Schuyler, Roche & Crisham in 2008.

EXPERIENCE

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.
Chicago, Illinois

Partner
2008 to Present

Stejkowski & Zaffere LLC*
Chicago, Illinois

Principal
2002 to 2008

The Oxford Companies LLC
Chicago, Illinois

Executive Vice President and General Counsel
1998 to 2002

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.
Chicago, Illinois

Partner
1993 to 1998

Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly
Chicago, Illinois

Of Counsel
1990 to 1993

Coffield Ungaretti Harris & Slavin
Chicago, Illinois

Partner
1981 to 1990

Reuben & Proctor
Chicago, Illinois

Partner
1980 to 1981

Sullivan & Cromwell
New York, New York

Associate
1973 to 1980

**And predecessor.*

Though it is limiting to identify major accomplishments in his career, many examples suggest the impact and scope of his work. For example, Frank participated as a member of an elite team of lawyers in one of the early investigations of a major oil company under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He was also intimately involved in preparing the registration documents for a proposed ADR offering on behalf of what was at the time the largest securities firm in the world.

If you are looking for a professional and collegial attorney with wide-ranging experience and knowledge in matters related to business, give Frank a call.

**EDUCATION AND
DISTINCTIONS**

J.D., Georgetown University, 1973.

BBA (cum laude), University of Notre Dame,
1970.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1974

New York, 1978

District of Columbia, 1980

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

AV rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell