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Josh Porte advises clients in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint venture agreements and other strategic business and fundamental transactions. Josh counsels private equity firms and other investors with respect to investments in dental, medical, physical therapy and other healthcare-related enterprises. He has extensive experience in implementing management relationships to assist with the deployment of capital in these sectors. Josh also assists hemp and cannabis-ancillary businesses with financings, corporate governance and contract negotiations.

Prior to joining Waller, Josh gained valuable experience as a corporate associate with Dickinson Wright PLLC in Nashville and Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. in Minneapolis. Additionally, he served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Priscilla R. Owen, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Austin, Texas.

EXPERIENCE

- **Everest Transportation Systems receives majority investment from Cambridge Capital**

Served as legal advisor to truck brokerage firm Everest Transportation Systems in a transaction with Cambridge Capital, a leading investment firm focused on the applied supply chain, who made a majority investment in the company.

- **Heartland Dental acquires Tru Family Dental**

Represented Tru Family Dental in its acquisition by Heartland Dental and assisted with regulatory compliance and corporate matters.

- **MindCare Solutions Group acquires TriCounty Tele Behavioral Services**

Represented MindCare Solutions Group in its acquisition of TriCounty Tele Behavioral Services.

- **Sorensen Capital invests in Spring Dental Intermediate**

Represented investment firm Sorensen Capital in its investment in Spring Dental Intermediate.

- **Kindful sells to software company Bloomerang**

Represented software platform Kindful in its acquisition by Bloomerang, a leader in cloud-based donor management and fundraising software for small and mid-size nonprofits.

- **Direct Radiology sells teleradiology platform to Royal Philips**

Represented Direct Radiology in the sale of its teleradiology platform to Royal Philips.

- **Lorient Capital partners with Missouri long-term care provider**

Represented Lorient Capital in its partnership with a Missouri based, regional provider of long-term care, assisted living and geriatric services.

- **HCA becomes majority owner of Galen College of Nursing's parent company**

Assisted HCA Healthcare, Inc., one of the nation's leading healthcare providers, in obtaining majority ownership in the parent company of Galen College of Nursing.

- **CapEx Project Management acquired by Cumming Construction Management**

Served as lead transaction counsel to CapEx, a private-equity backed project management and cost management consultancy firm, in its acquisition by Cumming.

- **BCBS of Tennessee subsidiary Onlife Health acquired by GuideWell Connect**

Represented Onlife Health and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee in the sale of Onlife to GuideWell Health.

EDUCATION

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Minnesota Law School, 2014
 - Order of the Coif
 - Managing Editor, *Minnesota Law Review*
 - Judge Edward J. Devitt Scholarship Award for Excellence in the Study of Federal Law
 - Vice President, Jewish Law Student Association
 - Member, American Constitution Society
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Macalester College, 2009
 - J. Huntley Dupre Prize in European History, Anglo-Dutch Diplomacy, 1585-1652

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- Iowa
- Minnesota

RECOGNITIONS

The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch

- Health Care Law, 2022 - 2023
- Corporate Law, 2023
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023

Mid-South Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)

- Rising Stars - Mergers & Acquisitions, 2018-2021

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations
- Member, NBA Business Law and Environmental Sections
- Member, American Health Law Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Girls on the Run of Middle Tennessee, Board Member