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Eli's practice primarily focuses on mergers and acquisitions and general corporate counseling. He has also worked with clients in the areas of commercial contracts, corporate, partnership, and LLC formation and governance issues, securities filings and compliance, and insurance corporate and regulatory matters.

In 2007, Eli received his Bachelor of Science in psychology from Duke University. Prior to attending law and business school, he worked for a global management consulting firm. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Temple University Beasley School of Law and his MBA from Temple University Fox School of Business in 2014. While at Temple, Eli was a member of the *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review* and received the Benjamin L. Winderman Award for outstanding academic achievement in the JD/MBA program.

## Experience

Represented the owners of Pyramid LLC (formerly known as Petroleum Products Corporation) and certain affiliates in their sale of the ownership interests of those entities to Penn Products Terminals, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ArcLight Capital Partners. Pyramid, a midstream oil company, owned and operated a network of 12 storage terminal facilities in Pennsylvania, totaling approximately nine million barrels of storage capacity. ArcLight is a leading private equity firm focused on North American energy infrastructure assets.

Represented a market research operations services company in the multimillion dollar sale of its business to a global data solutions and technology company.

Represented a laboratory supplies, equipment, and chemicals provider in the sale of its business to an office supply company.

Represented Trico Equipment, Inc., a New Jersey-based company engaged in the business of renting, servicing, and selling aerial lift and other construction and general rental equipment, in the multimillion dollar sale of all outstanding ownership interests of the company to BlueLine Rental, LLC.

Represented Advanced Discovery in its acquisition of all of the capital stock of Millnet Limited, the largest and longest established UK-based e-discovery and legal document services firm.

Represented one of the country's largest post-acute care providers in connection with the \$84 million sale of its hospice and home health subsidiaries to a nationwide network of community-based hospice and palliative care programs.

Represented two apparel manufacturers with domestic and Central American operations in their sale to an affiliate of Apollo Global Management, LLC which is forming an apparel supply chain company in connection with a strategic partnership with Nike.

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC, the largest privately held snack food company in the United States, in connection with its acquisition of Alabama-based public snack food company Golden Enterprises, Inc. for \$146 million. The acquisition was financed through an investment in Utz by private

## Practice Areas

- Business/Corporate
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance & Securities
- Emerging Business & Venture Capital

## Education

- Temple University—James E. Beasley School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2014
- Temple University—Fox School of Business, M.B.A., 2014
- Duke University, B.S., 2007

## Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

## Awards & Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, 2021

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equity firm Metropoulos & Co. Cozen O'Connor represented Utz in that investment by Metropoulos, which was the largest initial private equity transaction for a U.S. snack food company since 2013. The complex and multi-faceted transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, tax, intellectual property, employee benefits, labor and employment, antitrust, and securities attorneys.

Represented the underwriters in connection with the initial public offering of AzurRX BioPharma, Inc., which develops non-systemic, recombinant protein therapies for gastrointestinal diseases and is headquartered in Brooklyn, N.Y., with scientific operations based in Langlade, France.

Represented MRops, Inc. in its strategic sale to Survey Sampling International (SSI) through SSI's private equity firm, HGGC.

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC in its acquisition of Inventure Foods, Inc. in a deal valued at \$165 million. The transaction was completed via a cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of Inventure Foods common stock, followed by a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary of Utz into Inventure Foods pursuant to Section 251(h) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Inventure Foods will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utz. Inventure Foods manufactures and sells salted snacks under the brands Boulder Canyon®, TGI Fridays™, Nathan's Famous®, Vidalia Brands®, Poore Brothers®, Tato Skins®, and Bob's Texas Style® and has manufacturing facilities in Arizona and Indiana. This complex and multi-faceted transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, tax, labor and employment, benefits, litigation, intellectual property, real estate, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Respitech Medical Inc., a subsidiary of Specialty Medical Products, Inc., in its acquisition of RCC&S Inc., a respiratory care staffing and consulting services company.

Represented Utz Quality Foods in the transaction through which it became a public company, guiding the almost 100 year old, family-owned company through its business combination with consumer goods SPAC (special purpose acquisition company) Collier Creek Holdings to form Utz Brands, Inc. The transaction valued the company in excess of \$1.5 billion.

Represented Renaissance Food Group, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Calavo Growers, Inc., an international consumer goods and farm products company, in its acquisition of 100 percent of the equity of SFFI Company, Inc. (d/b/a Simply Fresh Fruit), a processor and supplier of fresh cut fruit. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, intellectual property, and real estate attorneys.

Represented RecordTrak, Inc., a nationwide provider of record retrieval services for law firms and other companies, in its sale to Magna Legal Services, LLC, a portfolio company of middle market private equity firm CIVC Partners, L.P. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, intellectual property, health care, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, real estate, and environmental attorneys.

Represented one of the nation's largest providers of post-acute care services in connection with a strategic joint venture that purchased from REIT landlords the real estate and buildings of 18 skilled nursing facilities that are leased by the client. The transaction also involved the sale of eight skilled nursing facilities by the client to third parties. The transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, and health care attorneys.

Represented AllOne Health Resources, Inc., a provider of workplace solutions for employee health and well-being, in acquisitions of (i) The Sand Creek Group, Ltd., a Minnesota-based provider of employee assistance programs; (ii) Employee Assistance Associates, LLC (a/k/a Encompass), a Michigan-based provider of employee assistance programs; (iii) the Ohio-based employee assistance business (a/k/a the ease@work program) of The Centers for Families and Children; and (iv) Employee Resource

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Systems, Inc., an Illinois-based provider of employee assistance programs.

Served as Acreage Holdings, Inc.'s U.S. corporate counsel in its reverse takeover of Toronto-based Applied Inventions Management, resulting in the listing of Acreage shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange, and the company raising \$314 million ahead of its trading debut.