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Edgar is a former general counsel who brings an insider's view and broad experience to his corporate practice. He regularly guides clients through a range of transactional matters, including entity formation, corporate governance, customer and vendor agreements, regulatory compliance, financing, acquisitions, and the sale or lease of real estate.

Edgar is also an experienced commercial litigator and trial lawyer. He has successfully defended claims made against businesses that alleged breach of contract, employment discrimination and vicarious liability. In his corporate practice, Edgar strives to negotiate and draft defensible contracts to reduce the risk of litigation for his clients.

Edgar is uniquely able to understand his clients' needs because he walked in their shoes. Before joining Cozen O'Connor, Edgar served as general counsel of a large taxicab company in Chicago, where he personally handled the gamut of legal matters and oversaw the work of outside counsel. Having learned the day-to-day challenges of a business first-hand, Edgar is prepared to deliver the services his clients need and expect from their outside counsel.

Experience

Represented Universal Hospital Services, Inc. in its acquisition of Radiographic Equipment Services, Inc., a leader in medical imaging solutions.

Represented a furniture industry client in connection with obtaining senior debt financing totaling \$22.5 million in senior debt. This transaction drew upon the experience of our corporate, intellectual property, and real estate attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC in its acquisition of Viking Engineering & Development, Inc., a manufacturer of automated wood pallet and bedding manufacturer equipment. The transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, employee benefits, tax, real estate, intellectual property, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC and its portfolio company, Viking Plastics, in connection with its acquisition of Kentucky Manufacturing & Technology, LLC, a Louisville, Kentucky-based manufacturer of high-precision, custom injection molded products.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC in its acquisition of Viking Plastics, a leading manufacturer of tight-tolerance proprietary and custom injection molded products and assemblies for the automotive, HVAC, and industrial markets.

Represented Prizelogic LLC, which develops and executes digital promotions for large consumer brands and retailers, in connection with the company's recapitalization by Pamlico Capital.

Represented NewSpring Capital in connection with a co-investment, along with Revolution Growth and Comcast Ventures, of \$56 million in Interactions, LLC, a leader in speech and natural language technology solutions.

Represented Cornerstone Bank in its purchase of the Sioux Falls, S.D., mortgage business of First

Practice Areas

- Business/Corporate
- Corporate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 2008
- Wisconsin School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.B.A., 2002

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
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Interstate Bank.

Represented a taxicab company, which oversaw approximately 1,500 taxi drivers in Chicago, in connection with the acquisition of several competing taxicab affiliations through asset purchases.

Won a directed verdict in a case tried in Illinois state court in which the state attorney general brought a claim against the client after an independent contractor claimed to have performed uncompensated sales work.

Successfully moved to dismiss a complaint in which the plaintiff alleged that a cab company violated Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and 775 ILCS 30/3 (the "White Cane Law"), was negligent, and should be held accountable for the actions of an employee under a theory of *respondeat superior*. In granting the motion to dismiss, the court accepted the argument that a longer-than-desired wait time does not constitute discrimination or denial of service.

Represented a provider of wellness services to mid-size businesses in its acquisition of a technology-based wellness company to expand its product offerings.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC in connection with its acquisition of Polar Plastics Inc., a manufacturer of plastic film and low-density polyethylene packaging products based in St. Paul, Minn. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, intellectual property, employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, and environmental attorneys.

Represented Eurofins Scientific SE and its subsidiary EAG, Inc. in their acquisition of the stock of Nanolab Technologies, which delivers advanced materials and analytical solutions to a technology market comprised of equipment suppliers, original design manufacturers, and original equipment manufacturers. This transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, tax, antitrust, and commercial litigation attorneys.

Represented Eurofins Scientific SE in its \$670 million acquisition of Covance Food Solutions from Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp). The transaction drew on the experience of Cozen O'Connor's corporate, litigation, employee benefits and executive compensation, intellectual property, antitrust, and utility, environmental, and energy attorneys.

Represented the owner of a managing general underwriter in its acquisition of a managing general agency in the property and casualty insurance space.

Represented Spell Capital Partners, LLC and its portfolio company, Viking Plastics, in connection with the acquisition of Genesis Plastics and Engineering, LLC and Genesis Plastics Solutions, LLC. Viking Plastics is an injection molding and value-added assembly service provider. With facilities in Jeffersonville and Scottsburg, Ind., Genesis manufactures injection molded parts for the automotive industry. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, real estate, intellectual property, labor and employment, employee benefits and executive compensation, and utilities, environmental, and energy attorneys.