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Morris Brown has been practicing for more than 35 years, primarily in the areas of general corporate and securities law, representing investors, venture capitalists, corporations and others in private and public capital formation, mergers and acquisitions. His practice includes transactions of all sizes, ranging from substantial public and private acquisitions and mergers to public offerings and private placements for newly emerging companies.

Education

J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, 1970

- Associate Editor, Law Review
- Order of the Coif

A.B., Washington University in St. Louis, 1967

Bar Admissions

Florida
New York

Practice Teams

Business, Finance & Tax

Practice Areas

Corporate
Corporate Governance
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity & Venture Capital
Securities & Capital Markets
Opportunity Zones

Representative Matters

- Represented BBX Capital [a public company trading on the NYSE] in the three stage acquisition of the Altman Companies, a real estate development platform primarily operating in South Florida, which includes a construction company which has historically acted as the general contractor for the platform, and separate development company and management companies. The first stage of the purchase required the creation of a joint venture between BBX [the Buyer] and the owner of the Altman Companies [the platform] which was followed by the purchase by BBX [the Buyer] of a 50% interest in the Altman Companies [the platform companies] for $22.7 million, and then a contribution of all of the interests of each of BBX [the Buyer] and the owner of the platform companies to the joint venture. Subject to certain conditions the Buyer] BBX will purchase an additional 40% of the Altman Companies [the platform companies] through the joint venture on the 4th anniversary of the original acquisition, for an additional $9.4 million.
- Representation of a public post- secondary education provider in a series of over 35 acquisitions which added over 100 schools to its system.
- Representation of a privately held healthcare supplier in its sale for over $350 million to a public holding company, and the representation of hi-tech providers in connection with private placement capital raises.

Awards & Honors

- *Super Lawyers*, 2007
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite, 2006
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Community Activities / Associations

Morris serves as a member of the National Council for the School of Arts and Sciences at Washington University in Saint Louis. He also serves as Chairman of the Washington University Florida Regional Oversight Committee.

In the News

South Florida Business Journal, "Condo Vultures founder Zalewski joins new private equity fund to buy Miami condos as prices fall"
January 31, 2018

Doing Business in Florida Blog

"Catch-Up" Distributions to Holders of Profits Interest
April 28, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Greenberg Traurig
- Morgan, Lewis & Bockius