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PRACTICE FOCUS

Mergers & Acquisitions
Venture Capital & Private
Equity
Tax
Joint Ventures & Partnerships
General Corporate Advice
Corporate & Transactional
COVID-19 Response Team
Entity Formation & Tax
Structuring

EDUCATION

University of Florida, B.S., 1993:
Accounting
University of South Florida,
1994: Master of Accountancy
Chicago-Kent College of Law,
J.D., 1998, High Honors

- Order of the Coif
- Chicago-Kent Law Review:
Executive Articles Editor

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

John Connery is practice chair of the firm's Corporate & Tax Group. He has a diverse transactional practice, with an emphasis on advising family offices, venture capital funds, companies, angel investors and private equity funds and their portfolio companies on structuring and negotiating complex business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, growth capital investments, joint ventures, fund formations and recapitalizations. John advises investors, developers and property managers on real estate joint ventures and regularly serves as outside general counsel to growing, middle market companies. He has substantial experience in structuring and tax planning for transactions.

John acts as counsel to a number of institutional private equity and real estate investment and development clients, including KLH Capital, Mangrove Equity Partners, Clearwell Group, The Ferrante Group, Parkstone Growth Partners, Meridian Development Group, Landeavor, Fairbourne Properties, Third Lake Partners and Third Lake Capital.

He is a Certified Public Accountant in Florida. Prior to joining the firm, John worked as an audit associate with Arthur Andersen in its Tampa office and practiced tax law in the Chicago office of the international law firm Mayer Brown.

John is a founder and member of the Board of Directors for Bayshore Project, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation that promotes health and fitness of middle school children through the creation of a middle school distance running community in South Tampa.

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The Florida Bar

Hillsborough County Bar
Association

The Illinois Bar

HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Certified Public Accountant, Florida
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Corporate/M&A & Private Equity (2016-2022)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Tax (2014-2015)
- Florida Super Lawyers (2010-2013, 2020-2022)
- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star (2009)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite - Up and Comers (2007-2008)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2013-2023)
- *TAMPA Magazine's Top Lawyers* (2023)
 - Business Organizations Law
 - Mergers & Acquisitions Law
 - Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law

EXPERIENCE

- PainTEQ, a medical device company, from its formation in a variety of contractual, intellectual property, governance and strategic matters.
- KLH Capital in its investment in Mid-State Industrial Maintenance, Inc. ("Mid-State") and Mid-State in connection with its recapitalization with CenterGate Capital.
- Fairbourne Properties in its joint venture with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association to buy and manage Town Square Las Vegas, a 1.2 million square foot retail center near the Las Vegas Strip.
- McNeel International in its sale of Olefinas, a leading agricultural plastics company with operations in Guatemala and Mexico to Coveris Holdings S.A.
- Digarc, a Lakeland, Florida e-catalog and curriculum management solutions provider, in a growth capital investment by Serent Capital, a San Francisco private equity fund.
- King Engineering in the sale of a majority equity interest to Kain Capital, a New York private equity fund.
- Plexcera Therapeutics in its restructuring and formation of a new biopharmaceutical company with Roivant Sciences Ltd.
- A family office in its equity investments in senior living and memory care facilities.

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- Third Lake Capital in its investment in One St. Petersburg, a 41-story condominium tower in St. Petersburg, Florida.
- KLH Capital in its investment in ANS Distributing and sale of its investment in ANS Distributing to Jones & Frank.
- Marxent Labs in raising growth capital from Detroit Venture Partners and other investors.
- Fairbourne Properties, LLC and certain of its affiliates, in a joint venture with Harbert United States Real Estate Fund VI, L.P. in connection with the acquisition and development of a 358,615 square foot lifestyle shopping center located in Brentwood, California
- Meridian Development Group in its investment in, partnership restructuring and management of an approximate 1,000,000 square foot warehouse facility
- Corporate and tax expert witness in real estate joint venture litigation.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Leadership Tampa
- Association for Corporate Growth
 - Global Board of Directors
 - Director (2017-2020)
 - Executive Committee of Board of Directors (2018-2020)
 - Tampa Bay Chapter
 - President (2011-2013)
 - Board of Directors
 - ACG Florida Capital Connection: Co-Chair
- American Bar Association
 - Business Law Section
 - Tax Section
- The Florida Bar: Tax Section
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Tax Section

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Twenty-Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in TAMPA Magazine's 2023 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 1.3.23

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Eighty-One Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Publication
Firm News, 8.18.22

61 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 7.1.22

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2022 Chambers Recognition
6.1.22

Seventy Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2022 Publication
Firm News, 8.19.21

58 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.23.21

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2021 Chambers Recognition
Firm News, 5.20.21

67 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Publication
Firm News, 8.20.20

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.22.20

Fifty Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.5.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2020 Recognition
Firm News, 4.23.20

John C. Connery Elected to Serve on the Executive Committee of the Association for Corporate Growth Global Board of Directors
Firm News, 8.5.19

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.24.19

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Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA
2019 Recognition
Firm News, 4.25.19

2019 Best Lawyers Cites 46 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Six "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.16.18

John C. Connery Jr. Elected To Serve On ACG's Executive Committee
Firm News, 7.23.18

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2018 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.25.18

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2018
5.8.18

Shareholder John C. Connery Jr. Recognized For His Efforts In The
Community
Firm News, 2.1.18

Shareholder John Connery Elected to ACG Global Board
Firm News, 10.5.17

2018 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Five "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.17

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2017 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.8.17

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2017
Firm News, 5.26.17

2017 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Two "Lawyers Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.16

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2016 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.15.16

2016 Best Lawyers Cites 40 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Five "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.17.15

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2015 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.11.15

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Hill Ward Henderson Cited by Chambers USA (2015)
Firm News, 5.19.15

2014 Best Lawyers Cites 42 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Three "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.30.13

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2013 Best Lawyers
Business Edition
Firm News, 7.15.13

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2013 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.3.13

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder To Serve As Capital Connection Co-
Chair
Firm News, 10.2.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2012 Florida Super Lawyers
And Rising Stars
Firm News, 3.20.12

NOTEWORTHY

Chambers USA ranks the leading lawyers and law firms across the USA. Legal rankings are based on in-depth market analysis and independent research, conducted by an experienced team of researchers. Individual lawyers are ranked in their practice area(s) based on legal knowledge and experience, ability, effectiveness and client service.

"He's an extremely knowledgeable lawyer." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2022*

"He is a smart deal lawyer who is meticulous with the details of matters." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2021*

"He's smart, practical and solves problems." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2021*