

# MICHAEL A. ELLIS

Partner | Cleveland  
216.615.7302  
MEllis@bdbl.com

ASSISTANT  
Barb Hajduk | bhajduk@bdbl.com

AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Business  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation  
Finance Law  
Taxation



As a corporate transactions attorney, I am often in a position, whether in an acquisition setting, a capital raise, or a situation between two partners, where it's my job to create mutually beneficial solutions. Through my experience handling mergers & acquisitions, early stage venture capital, and corporate securities law, I've learned to not only identify problems, but I find creative ways to resolve issues that ensures all parties achieve favorable results.

The value I deliver to my clients stems from nearly 40 years of working directly with business owners to accomplish their goals. I view each transaction from my client's perspective so I am able to find a solution in a cost-effective and timely manner while anticipating his or her needs. I pride myself on listening to, and spending time with, my clients. Rather than focusing only on the legal issues, I examine the business, personal and legal factors enabling me to propose and achieve reasonable resolutions for all parties so neither side feels like they've lost.

No matter the situation or circumstance, my clients know that I am here to anticipate their needs, listen to their goals, and work together to get all parties to "yes."



BUCKINGHAM  
BUSINESS LAW REIMAGINED

[BDBLAW.COM](http://BDBLAW.COM)

## EXPERIENCE

- Joined Buckingham in 2016
- Focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions; corporate governance; public and private securities offerings; executive compensation and shareholder communication matters, and defensive tactics in tender offers

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina (J.D., 1977)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (M.A., 1974)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (B.A., 1974)

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

## AWARDS & HONORS

Listed in Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>(2008-2021)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>(2007-2009, 2012-2016), as voted by his peers

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Member, Board of Advisors: North Coast Angel Fund II

Trustee: Jewish National Fund, Northeast Ohio Region

President's Council and Former Trustee, WVIZ/WCPN; Former Chair, Investment Subcommittee

Member, American Bar Association, Business Law Committee, Private Equity/Venture Capital and Merger & Acquisitions Subcommittees

### Past Affiliations

Former Trustee: Cleveland Council on World Affairs

Former Trustee and Officer: Ort America, Cleveland Region.

### Associations

Member: American Bar Association, Business Law Committee

Member: Ohio State Bar Association, Corporation Law Committee

Past Chairman: Ohio State Bar Association, Corporation Law Committee



BUCKINGHAM  
BUSINESS LAW REIMAGINED

BDBLAW.COM