

James R. Whitney

Partner

Jim concentrates his practice on general corporate and securities matters. He has experience in a number of substantive areas, including corporate finance, public offerings and private placements, contract negotiations and mergers and acquisitions of both public and private companies.

Representative Clients

- First Industrial Realty Trust
- Medware Information Systems
- Pacific Office Properties Trust
- US Bank

Representative Matters

- First Industrial Realty Trust Stock Offerings
Served as primary counsel to industrial NYSE-listed REIT with respect to public offerings utilizing diverse structures of a 12.5 million share of common stock (\$65.6 million) firm commitment underwriting, a continuous "at-the-market" offering of up to 10 million shares of common stock, and direct stock sales of up to 5 million shares pursuant to a dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan. The offerings utilized takedowns from a universal shelf registration statement and newly filed registration statement on which we previously represented the company.
- First Industrial Realty Trust Waterfall Debt Tender Offer
Served as primary counsel to industrial NYSE-listed REIT for its cash tender offer for \$160 million in aggregate principal amount of notes utilizing a "waterfall" structure to prioritize accepted tenders.
- Medgenics, Inc. Initial Public Offering
Served as counsel to Medgenics, Inc., an Israeli clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, in its U.S. initial public offering of common stock on the NYSE Amex.



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Practices

- Corporate and Securities

Education

- The University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2002
- The Ohio State University, B.A., 1999

Bar & Court Admissions

- State of Illinois

- The Shidler Group/Pacific Office Properties Trust Reverse Merger

Represented The Shidler Group in connection with the formation of a new public west coast-focused office properties REIT in a "reverse merger" transaction involving the contribution of The Shidler Group's western U.S. office building portfolio to a newly created operating partnership subsidiary of Pacific Office Properties Trust and the assumption of indebtedness in excess of \$750 million.

Professional Activities and Honors

- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Associate Editor, Michigan Law Review