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Tom Zook is a trusted corporate advisor with a strong financial background, known for guiding public and private companies through complex transactions and regulatory matters across industries.

Tom represents public and private company clients from across the country in varied industries, in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, corporate finance, general corporate law, and corporate governance. Tom has a strong financial background and the experience to handle all of his clients' sophisticated corporate and business needs.

In addition to his legal practice, Tom is deeply engaged in his community, serving on various boards and participating in charitable organizations.

Tom is a former member of the Firm's Management Committee and Associate Development Committee. He is AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and he was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® 2007-2026 and *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® 2012-2018. Additionally, *Best Lawyers* named him "Securities/Capital Markets Lawyer of the Year" for 2015 and 2018. He was also listed as a Notable Practitioner in the IFLR1000 list for 2024, which ranks lawyers and law firms on the basis of financial and corporate transactional work.

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., 1988)
 - Order of the Coif
 - *University of Illinois Law Review*, topics editor
- Illinois Wesleyan University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1985)
 - Accounting

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

Services

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Securities, Capital Markets & Investments
- Banking & Financial
- Corporate Strategies

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

Certifications

- Passed certified public accountant examination

Firm Committees

- Member, Management Committee
- Member, Associate Development Committee

Case Studies

\$2.45 Billion Acquisition for Post Holdings, Inc.

Lewis Rice represented St. Louis-based Post Holdings, Inc. in its \$2.45 billion acquisition of Michael Foods from its private equity owners Thomas H. Lee Partners and GS Capital Partners. The acquisition is Post's largest to date and included a significant number of real property assets, including plants, farmland and leased real property. Michael Foods is a distributor and processor of cheese, egg, and refrigerated potato products.