



Russell I. Shapiro

2 N. LaSalle St. Suite 1300
Chicago, Illinois 60602
T 312.476.7560
F 312.346.8434
rshapiro@lplegal.com

Russell Shapiro is a member of the firm's Corporate Group, an area in which he has practiced for his entire career, focusing in particular on mergers and acquisitions. Russell's industry insight and his clients' diverse business objectives have shown him that every transaction demands its own solutions. As a result, he is committed to listening to his clients, understanding their industries, and designing transactions to meet their specific strategic goals. Russell's more than two decades of successful practice in this area have allowed him to serve as an expert witness in merger disputes.

Russell's insight on tax and finance issues is deepened considerably by his status as a certified public accountant, giving him a nuanced understanding of his clients' needs and the ability to craft the most effective tax and finance strategies. Russell's background has led him to develop especially deep experience representing accounting firms, which he regularly assists with partnership agreements, mergers and acquisitions, and the enforcement of restrictive covenants. He performs similar work for other professional services firms, including law firms, consulting firms and investment banks.

In particular, in the last several years, Russell has worked on a number of nationally recognized accounting firm mergers, including: UHY Texas and BDO; Peterson Sullivan and BDO; Wolf & Co. and BKD; Montgomery Coscia and Baker Tilly; Pender Newkirk and Warren Averett; Marcum and Skoda Minotti; Armanino and Bolar Hirsch, and several others. Russell has compiled a list of resources for accounting firms [here](#).

Russell also serves as outside general counsel to a variety of privately held companies that average between \$20 million and \$500 million in sales.

After serving more than a decade as the head of LP's Corporate & Securities practice, Russell is now honored to play a role in charting the firm's future and ensuring its commitment to client satisfaction through his membership on LP's Executive Committee.

Accounting Firm Resources:

- *Accounting Firm Industry Insider Series.* [Click here to listen to a conversation with Practice Management and M & A Expert.](#)
- *Levenfeld Pearlstein knows accounting firms.* [Click here to view our collection of resources for accounting firms and the people who run them.](#)

Bar Admissions

Illinois, 1989

Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 1989

University of Illinois, B.S., 1986, with highest honors, Accounting

Memberships

Spertus Institute Trustee, Executive Committee

Chicago Bar Association - Corporation and Business Law Committee

American Bar Association - Corporate Law Section

Cara, Executive Council

Awards

Named Among 100 Most Influential People in Accounting by Accounting Today, 2017-2018

Leading Lawyer, Leading Lawyers Network

Illinois Super Lawyer - 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

AV Rated - Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

Clients

Russell works with Accounting firms, Middle Market Private Equity, family owned businesses, and more.