

**Practice Areas**

- Corporate
- Banking and Finance
- China Practice

**Education**

- J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1980
- B.B.A., Hofstra University, 1977

**Bar Admissions**

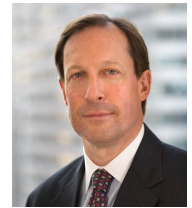
- New York (1981)

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Eric Hellige, head of the corporate and securities practice at Pryor Cashman, has more than 25 years' experience in general corporate representation, with an emphasis on transactional work. His practice concentrates on a wide range of corporate, securities and commercial matters, including federal and state securities law, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate trust and general corporate counseling. He works extensively with both public and private clients and a number of the country's largest financial institutions.

**General Corporate**

Eric serves as corporate counsel to public and private companies in connection with their general corporate and securities compliance matters. In these engagements, he provides ongoing advice to corporations, partnerships and other entities in connection with operational matters, including venture capital and corporate finance, employment contracts and incentive compensation, transitional planning, shareholder or partnerships arrangements, banking and investor relationships and general business planning and counseling.

He has represented clients in all stages of the corporate growth cycle, including emerging growth and later-stage companies in start-up, early stage and other venture capital financings, private placements and bridge financings, mergers and acquisitions, exchange offers, strategic alliances and other joint venture formations. Eric's background also include the negotiation of technology licensing, consulting, shareholder, executive compensation, confidentiality and non-competition agreements and corporate governance matters.

**General Securities Practice**

Eric advises public companies, both domestic and international, in a wide variety of issues under the federal and state securities laws, including SEC periodic reporting and proxy requirements, dealing with analysts and the press, Section 16 reporting (short swing profits), Rule 144 sales, and the rules and regulations of the national stock exchanges. Eric also has represented numerous issuers, selling stockholders and underwriters in connection with a variety of public debt and equity financings, including initial public offerings, secondary offerings and selling stockholder shelf registrations.

## Mergers and Acquisitions

Eric has represented purchasers and sellers of businesses in many different industries, including both public and private (including family-owned) companies. These transactions have involved the use of secured and unsecured debt as well as public or private equity securities with the attendant tax, corporate and securities considerations.

## Corporate Trust

Eric organized the corporate trust group at Pryor Cashman and has over 20 years experience representing corporate trust departments of major banking institutions in a wide variety of corporate trust transactions, including both corporate and municipal debt (including secured, unsecured, senior, subordinated and convertible), secured and unsecured commercial paper, escrow arrangements, asset and security-backed financings and various types of agency agreements. Eric also works with attorneys in Pryor Cashman's bankruptcy, reorganization and creditors' rights practice in advising indenture trustees in default administration matters and bankruptcy proceedings, including counseling indenture trustees in their fiduciary capacities as creditor committee members.

Mr. Hellige is frequently called upon by the press to comment upon corporate matters. To read samples of such press coverage, please [click here](#).

## Publications

- Co-Author (with Durre Hanif), *Ethical Obligations Regarding Inadvertently Transmitted E-Mail Communications*, Inside, Special Issue: "What's New in Ethics and Privilege" published by Corporate Counsel Section of N.Y.S. Bar Association (Spring/Summer 2012)
- Author, *Industrial Development Bonds: The Disclosure Dilemma*, 6 The Journal of Corporation Law 291 (1981)
- Author, *Monell v. Department of Social Services - One Step Forward and a Half Step Back for Municipal Liability Under Section 1983*, 7 Hofstra Law Review 893 (1979)

## Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

## Distinctions

- Named as a "Key Individual" in the areas of Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions by *Chambers USA 2010* and *2011*
- Named as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of Securities & Corporate Finance by *New York Super Lawyers – Metro Edition* magazine (2009, 2010 and 2011 editions)

## News

- Pryor Cashman's Eric Hellige and Durre Hanif Author Legal Update About Ethical Obligations Regarding Inadvertently Transmitted E-Mail Communications
- Partner Eric Hellige Interviewed About Financing For Brazil's Middle Market
- Pryor Cashman Represents Resource Holdings Inc. in Financing to Develop Gold Mine in Brazil
- 30 Pryor Cashman Attorneys Selected as NYC Super Lawyers
- Chambers USA Recognizes Pryor Cashman As One Of Top Firms In USA In Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Media & Entertainment
- Pryor Cashman Client Kingtone Wirelessinfo Solution Rings the Bell at NASDAQ
- Partner Eric Hellige Speaks to Law 360 About U.S. Companies Eyeing Asia and Latin America For Growth
- Pryor Cashman Signs Two Memorandums of Understanding with China's International Cooperation Center of the National Development and Reform Commission (ICC-NDRC) and the Shijiazhuang Municipal Government
- Twenty Pryor Cashman Partners Selected as NYC Super Lawyers
- Chambers USA Recognizes Pryor Cashman as One of Top Firms in USA in Fields of Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Media & Entertainment
- Pryor Cashman Client China Green Agriculture Inc. Rings the Bell at New York Stock Exchange
- Pryor Cashman Represents Zhongpin Inc. in \$60 Million Public Offering of Common Stock
- Fourteen Pryor Cashman Partners Selected as 2009 New York Super Lawyers
- Pryor Cashman Represents Integrated Drilling Equipment Company in its Proposed Merger with Columbus Acquisition, Corp.
- Pryor Cashman Represents Logistics Company in Acquisition and Financing Transactions
- Pryor Cashman Represents Coal Mining Company in Second Major Acquisition
- Pryor Cashman Client Zhongpin Inc. Rings the Bell at NASDAQ
- Pryor Cashman Featured in January 7, 2008 Edition of Forbes Magazine
- Pryor Cashman Represents Zhongpin Inc. in \$50 Million Private Placement
- Pryor Cashman Client Rogar Studios, Inc. Wins 2007 National Parenting Publications Award
- Pryor Cashman Represents Aequus Technologies Corp. in \$5.575 Million Private Placement
- Pryor Cashman Represents Coal Mining Company in Major Acquisition and Financing Transactions
- Partner Eric Hellige Makes Presentation to Corporate Trust Professionals in Delaware

## Events

- Pryor Cashman Announces Sponsorship Of 2011 Annual Global Investment Conference in NYC
- Pryor Cashman Announces Sponsorship Of DealFlow Media Beijing Conference