

**Practice Areas**

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate

**Education**

- LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, 1986
- LL.B., University of Manitoba Law School, 1984
- Diploma, Institute on Comparative and International Law (Paris), 1982
- B.A., University of Manitoba, 1981

**Bar Admissions**

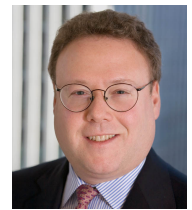
- New York (1987)
- Manitoba (1985)

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William Levine has extensive transactional experience and has advised clients about structuring deals and on all aspects of financing relating to mergers and acquisitions, management buyouts, highly leveraged buyouts, restructurings, REITS, ESOP transactions, public offerings, private placements of debt, factoring, working capital and growth needs.

Bill actively represents both lenders and borrowers in asset-based loans, mezzanine financings, middle market lending, syndicated lending and construction lending. Bill is also skilled in the creation and perfection of security interests in a wide variety of tangible and intangible collateral located in multiple jurisdictions.

In addition to his work in the U.S., Bill, as a Canadian lawyer, also has expertise in Canadian security interest and perfection issues.

As a transactional lawyer, Bill is involved in the structuring, negotiation and documentation of deals utilizing a wide variety of financing tools. Some of the deals that Bill has done include the representation of:

- A public REIT in public offerings off a shelf registration statement aggregating over \$2 billion, including 13 separate public debt offerings pursuant to an indenture and a \$25 million preferred equity offering of depositary shares
- The owner of a family restaurant franchisee in a \$155 million merger and acquisition of the largest public franchisee in the chain
- A public REIT in obtaining a \$600 million-\$800 million unsecured credit facility from a syndicate of 23 banks
- A management team in the \$33 million buyout of a large multistate health care provider
- Two restaurant franchisees in the consolidation and refinancing of \$237 million
- An agent bank in a syndicated \$48.5 million ESOP financing of term loan, same day loan and revolving credit facility
- A not-for-profit charitable/cultural corporation in obtaining secured financing from a commercial lender

Bill received his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1986 and his LL.B. from the University of Manitoba in 1984, where he was the recipient of the C. Harvey Administrative Law Award and the Book Review Editor for the Manitoba Law Journal from 1982-84. Bill was also the Chairman of the Faculty of Law Debating Association (1981-84) and placed in the top five at the McGoun Cup Western Canadian University Debating Championship in 1981. Bill acted as a Student Counselor for the Legal Aid Society of Manitoba from 1982-84.

Bill is AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale Hubbell's highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability.

### **Previous Positions**

- Cahill Gordon & Reindel, Associate (1989-91)
- Hughes Hubbard & Reed, Associate (1987-89)
- Newman MacLean (Winnipeg, Canada), Barrister & Solicitor (1984-85)

### **Other Activities**

- Anti-Defamation League, Lawyers Committee
- Associate Coordinator, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (1987-89)

### **News**

- Pryor Cashman Represents Briad Restaurant Group In Securing \$195 Million Credit Facility
- Pryor Cashman Hosts Delegation of Chinese Financial Planning Professionals
- Pryor Cashman Transaction, ESOP Buyout of International Intimates, Inc., Recognized as "Acquisition Financing Deal of the Year" by The M&A Advisor
- Pryor Cashman Transaction, ESOP Buyout of International Intimates, Inc., Named as Finalist for "Financing Deal of the Year" by The M&A Advisor
- Partner Richard Levy Speaks to New York Times About Bankruptcy Claims Against Madoff
- Pryor Cashman Represents Coal Mining Company in Second Major Acquisition
- Pryor Cashman Represented Purchaser in Biggest NYC Commercial Property Sale of 2007
- Pryor Cashman Closes \$1.8 Billion Record-Size Office Building Transaction in Record Time
- Pryor Cashman Negotiates Acquisition of Main Street Restaurant Group