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Frank Cannone is Chairman of the Gibbons law firm Corporate Department and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Mr. Cannone's practice is focused on corporate and business law, securities law, mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments and real estate finance. He has extensive experience representing clients in connection with public and private capital raising, private equity investments, real estate funds, REITS, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital transactions, cross border transactions, private fund formation, and distressed situations and opportunities.

Under Mr. Cannone's leadership, the Gibbons Corporate Department earned positions on the DOW JONES Private Equity Analyst lists of "Most Active Law Firms" in the U.S. in private equity transactions; Gibbons was the only firm headquartered in New Jersey to be ranked on this list in 2008 or 2009. The sophistication of the transactions Mr. Cannone and his team handle for clients has also been recognized. For example, in February 2008, The Deal magazine selected the January 2008 Citigroup \$18.4 billion financing as its "Deal of the Quarter" and highlighted the role in the financing played by the Gibbons team led by Mr. Cannone, which represented the New Jersey Division of Investment in connection in with its \$400 million investment in Citigroup.

Mr. Cannone has also overseen the expansion of the Corporate Department's services and value-added offerings. In the past two years, the Department launched the *Cross-Border Transactions Group*—providing corporate and transactional services to international clients seeking to make acquisitions, or investments in the United States, as well as to U.S. clients seeking to make such investments in international markets—and the *Distressed Situations Group*, which advises on client financial crisis planning, strategic opportunities, financing alternatives, and restructuring for future growth. In fact, Gibbons was recently ranked in the National Law Journal's "Midsize Hot List" of 20 leading mid-sized law firms across the entire U.S. who the Journal felt have demonstrated creative innovative strategies to stay competitive and address clients' concerns in the midst of the economic downturn, including its doing "smaller deals for big players and big deals for smaller clients."

He is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Seton Hall University Stillman School Center for Entrepreneurial Studies; a member of the Board of Trustees, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; and a member of the Association of Corporate Growth and the ACG CEO Roundtable; the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Italy Trade Council; and a member of NAREIT. He is listed in both *Best Lawyers in America* and *New Jersey Super Lawyers*.