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## **CURRICULUM VITAE: William Jeffers, CFA**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

William Jeffers, CFA is a Principal at The Griffing Group. Mr. Jeffers provides financial valuation services to attorneys and corporate clients for use in complex commercial litigation and M&A transactions. Since joining the firm in 2010, Mr. Jeffers has been retained to provide expert witness testimony and expert consulting services in a number of litigation matters adjudicated in the Delaware Court of Chancery and other venues. His analysis has focused on determining the value of securities and measuring economic damages in M&A litigation, shareholder disputes, and contract disputes.

Mr. Jeffers has spent his entire professional career analyzing businesses, business interests, and financial assets to determine their value. During the past 23 years, Mr. Jeffers has valued business interests for financial and tax reporting purposes, in addition to his litigation work. Prior to this, Mr. Jeffers spent 15 years as a commercial banker responsible for providing financing for large and medium-sized companies in various industries, located primarily in the Midwest.

- Managing Director, **FMV Opinions, Inc.**, Chicago, IL, 2008-2009. (Acquired by Stout Risius Ross, 2017)
  - Opened Chicago office, which was designed to cover the Midwest. Provided valuation consulting services primarily for gift and estate planning purposes.
- Regional Director, **O'Connor & Associates**, Chicago, IL, 2007-2008.
  - Opened Chicago office to penetrate the Midwestern market. Originated and managed engagements for purchase price allocation related to mergers and acquisitions.
- Managing Director, **American Appraisal Associates, Inc.**, Chicago, IL, 2001-2007. (Acquired by Duff & Phelps, 2015)
  - Provided client service coverage for a wide array of appraisal and valuation services for large and mid-sized companies and intermediaries throughout the Midwest. Appraisal and valuation projects included purchase price allocations, fairness opinions for mergers and acquisitions, solvency opinions for corporate spin-offs and corporate restructurings, business valuations for income tax purposes, and appraisals for insurance underwriting.
- Vice President, **CBIZ Valuation Counselors**, Chicago, IL, 2000-2001.
  - Provided client service and business development support for valuation consulting services to companies and intermediaries located in the Chicago metropolitan area.



- Founder and Consultant, **Bridge Consulting Group, Ltd.**, Wilmette, IL, 1998-2000.
  - Founded an independent practice designed to provide financial consulting to small and medium-sized companies seeking financing. A key project included assisting a small New York firm to raise public debt through a 144(a) private placement.
- Vice President and Team Leader, **Crédit Agricole**, Chicago, IL, 1995-1998.
  - Managed and recruited a team of five corporate lending officers and two credit officers. Provided corporate banking products (mostly credit products) to approximately 80 domestic corporations based in the Midwest and along the East Coast. Many of the corporate loans in the \$2 billion portfolio of credit facilities were committed to highly leveraged companies.
- Vice President and Team Leader, **The Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd.**, Chicago, IL, 1988-1995. (Acquired by Mizuho Financial Group, 2002)
  - Managed and recruited two teams of corporate lending officers. Initiated corporate banking relationships with Fortune 1000 companies and provided domestic and foreign currency loans and derivatives. Facilitated loans and letters of credit to electric and gas utilities in the Midwest.
- Assistant Vice President, **Banque Indosuez**, Chicago, IL, 1986-1988. (Acquired by Credit Agricole, 1996)
  - Developed corporate banking relationships with a variety of industrial firms in the Midwest and provided a full range of credit and capital market products, including interest rate and currency swaps and options. Originated loans and letters of credit to electric and gas utilities in the Midwest.
- Commercial Loan Officer, **Banca Nazionale del Lavoro**, Chicago, IL, 1985-1986. (Acquired by BNP Paribas, 2006)
  - Built a small commercial loan and trade credit portfolio for the Chicago branch of this large Italian commercial bank. Most of the credit portfolio was developed through participations with money center banks. Established and managed a portfolio of \$170 million of floating rate notes.
- Credit Analyst, **National Bank of Detroit**, Detroit, MI, 1983-1984. (Acquired ultimately by J.P. Morgan, 1995)
  - Completed formal credit training program.

## ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- CFA® Charterholder, CFA Institute
- University of Wisconsin
  - Master of Business Administration, Concentration: Finance, Investment and Banking, 1983
  - Master of Science, Urban and Regional Planning, Concentration: Economic and Fiscal Planning, 1982
  - Master of Arts, Political Science, Concentration: Political Economy, 1980
- Oberlin College, Bachelor of Arts, Government, 1977



## **EXPERT WITNESS ENGAGEMENTS**

### **State of Delaware**

#### Court of Chancery

- Russell Thiele et al. v. Kashiv Biosciences, LLC et al., C.A. No. 2022-0272-LWW, June 2023.
  - Provided an affidavit to analyze the damages caused by overpaying for the acquisition of a 98% interest in Kashiv Specialty Pharmaceuticals.
- James E. Parker et al. v. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2020-0280-PAF, June 2023.
  - Provided an affidavit to value the proposed settlement of a claim of direct and derivative damages caused by a recapitalization of the company in 2019.
- Matthew Sciabacucchi on Behalf of TransDigm Group Inc. v. W. Nicholas Howley et al., C.A. No. 2021-0938-LWW, November 2022.
  - Provided an affidavit to assess the benefit accrued to TransDigm as a result of a proposed settlement.
- Mark Jacobs et al. v. Infrastructure and Energy Alternatives Inc., C.A. 2019-1022-MTZ, November 2022.
  - Provided an affidavit related to benefits accrued to the shareholders as a result of the 2021 recapitalization.
- Leon A. Malca v. Rappi, Inc. and Sebastian Mejia, C.A. 2020-0152-MTZ, May 2022.
  - Provided an opening expert report and deposition testimony regarding the fair value of Rappi, an online delivery company in Latin America.
- Bardy Diagnostics v. Hill-Rom et al., C.A. No. 2021-0175-JRS, May 2021.
  - Provided opening and rebuttal expert reports and deposition and trial testimony regarding the economic and financial foundation of a Material Adverse Effect that was claimed by Hill-Rom.
- AM General Holdings LLC v. The Renco Group, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 7639-JRS, July 2019.
  - Provided a rebuttal expert report and deposition testimony regarding issues related to loans made by an affiliated company to The Renco Group.
- In Re: Appraisal of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc., C.A. No. 12736-VCL, October 2018.
  - Provided opening and rebuttal expert reports and deposition and trial testimony regarding the fair value of the common stock of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. in connection with appraisal litigation related to its acquisition by TransCanada Corporation.
- City of Daytona Beach Police and Fire Pension Fund v. ExamWorks Group, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 12481-VCL, January 2017.
  - Provided opening and rebuttal expert reports regarding the fair value of the common stock of ExamWorks, a provider of independent medical examinations that was taken private.



- Charles Kusnyer, et al. v. Platinum Energy Resources, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 7063-VCMR, November 2015.
  - Provided an expert report regarding the fair value of the common stock of Platinum Energy Resources, an oil and gas production company that was taken private by its majority owner.
- In Re: Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. Stockholders Litigation, C.A. No. 10865-VCG, July 2015.
  - Provided opening and rebuttal expert reports regarding economic damages incurred in the stock-for-stock merger of Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. and Grupo FerroAtlántica, S.A.U.
- City of Miami General Employees' and Sanitation Employees' Retirement Trust, et al. v. C&J Energy Services, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 9980-VCN, November 2014.
  - Provided an expert report and deposition testimony regarding the adequacy of the consideration to be paid to shareholders of C&J Energy Services in a proposed merger with a subsidiary of Nabors Industries Ltd.
- In Re: Safeway Inc. Stockholders Litigation, C.A. No. 9445-VCL, August 2014.
  - Provided an expert declaration regarding the economic impact of a settlement related to changes to contingent value rights offered as part of the consideration in the acquisition of Safeway.
- Blackthorn Partners, L.P. v. John C. Malone, et al., C.A. No. 5260-VCS, January 2012.
  - Calculated economic damages related to a series of complex restructuring transactions in the broadcast media industry.
- Viamericas Corp., et al. v. MicroVest I, L.P., et al., C.A. No. 6741-VCL, November 2011.
  - Provided deposition and trial testimony regarding the economic impact of tag-along rights on an institutional shareholder's attempted sale of its equity interest in a money transfer services company.

## **United States Bankruptcy Court**

### District of Delaware

- In Re: Mallinckrodt PLC., et al., Case No. 20-12522(JTD), December 2020.
  - Provided an expert declaration and deposition and trial testimony regarding the appointment of an official equity committee.

## **United States District Court**

### Northern District of California

- Sai Sravan Bharadwaj Karri et al. v. Oclaro, Inc. et al., C.A. No. 3:18-cv-03435-JD, August 2022.
  - Provided opening and rebuttal expert reports and deposition testimony related to damages to shareholders caused by a misleading proxy which understated the value of the company being sold.



#### Eastern District of New York

- Moses, et al. v. Apple Hospitality REIT Inc., Case No. 1:14-cv-03131, August 2017.
  - Provided an expert declaration which estimated damages caused by the unfair pricing of shares purchased through the REIT's dividend reinvestment program.

#### Northern District of New York

- Jeffrey Chery et al. v. Conduent Education Services, LLC et al. Case No. 1:18-cv-75, August 2022
  - Provided expert and rebuttal reports and deposition testimony regarding damages suffered by a class of student loan borrowers whose loans were serviced by Conduent Educational Services.

#### Southern District of New York

- In Re Helios and Matheson Analytics, Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. 1:18-cv-06965, July 2020.
  - Provided an expert declaration which estimated damages caused by Helios and Matheson in their attempt to grow and develop the MoviePass venture.

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

#### Superior Court Department, Suffolk County, SS.

- Anthony Oates, et al. v. BlueHub Capital Inc., et al., C.A. No. 20-0450-H, May 2023.
  - Provided an opening expert report and rebuttal report regarding the economics and benefits of a mortgage lending operation focused on the sub-prime borrowers facing foreclosure.

### **State of California**

#### Superior Court of California – County of Los Angeles

- In Re: 99¢ Only Stores Shareholder Litigation, Lead Case No. BC457251, March 2011.
  - Provided an expert declaration regarding the adequacy of proxy disclosures in a going private transaction for a discount retailer.

### **State of Michigan**

#### Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, Business Court

- Leslie J. Murphy, et al. v. Samuel M. Inman, III et al. Case No. 17-159571-CB, October 2023.
  - Provided an expert report regarding damage caused by the failure of the Board of Directors of Covisint to carry out their Revlon duties in the sale of the company.

### **State of Ohio**

#### Franklin County Court of Common Pleas – Division of Domestic Relations

- Pukita v. Pukita, Case No. 11DR-02-0607, July 2014.
  - At the request of the Court, provided an expert report and deposition testimony regarding the value of an executive recruiting and staffing company.