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Alfred Browne is co-chair of Cooley's private equity practice group. He is a member of Cooley's M&A group and co-chair of the firm's fintech practice. His clients include private equity funds, their portfolio companies, and strategic buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions, including leveraged buyouts and take-private transactions.

Al has experience representing a broad range of technology companies, including financial technology, software, healthcare IT, telecommunications and services companies.

Al's recent transactions include:

- Newforma, a Battery Ventures portfolio company, in its sale to Ethos Capital
- The acquisition of NanoView Biosciences by Unchained Labs, a Carlyle portfolio company
- BlueConic's sale to Vista Equity Partners
- The sale of Cambrio, a Battery Ventures portfolio company, to Sandvik
- Battery Ventures' acquisitions of Smartling and LI-COR
- iN2L's sale to Vista Equity Partners
- Clubessential Holdings, a Battery Ventures portfolio company, in its leveraged recapitalization with Silver Lake
- Clubessential Holdings' acquisition of foreUP
- SPT LabTech acquisition of Apricot Designs
- Newforma's acquisition of Construction Virtuelle et Technologie BIM One
- SPT Life Sciences' acquisitions of BioMicroLab, CopyPro and WordTech Systems
- Archer Aviation's combination with Atlas Crest Investment, a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), for \$2.525 billion
- AgileThought's combination with LIV Capital Acquisition (a SPAC) for \$347 million
- Roth's investment from Alpargatas for up to \$475 million
- Unchained Labs' sale to The Carlyle Group for \$435 million
- Concurrent Real-Time's sale to Spectris for \$166.7 million
- OpsGenie's sale to Atlassian
- Aquantia's sale to Marvell for \$452 million
- DraftKings' proposed business combination with FanDuel
- DraftKings' acquisition of Scarcity Labs

- Brightree's \$800 million sale to ResMed
- Battery Ventures' buyout group in various M&A transactions – including leverage buyouts, take-private transactions, and platform and add-on acquisitions – over the course of many years and multiple funds
- Pamplona Capital's acquisition of LogicWorks

Publications:

- "Growth Equity: A Lawyer's Perspective," Venture Capital Review, Issue 27 (2011)
- "Founder Liquidity Deals Are Offering Alternatives," Mass High Tech (June 29, 2007)
- "How to Treat the Seller's Outstanding Equity Securities," M&A Deal Strategies (2008)

Boston Magazine has named Al a Massachusetts Super Lawyer each year since 2008, and also recognized him as a Rising Star in its 2006 and 2007 editions. The Legal 500 recognized him as a recommended lawyer for his work in the M&A: large deals (\$1-5 billion) category in the 2013 US edition, and in the venture capital and emerging companies category in the 2015 US edition. Chambers USA also has recognized Al as a leader in corporate/M&A law, as well as private equity and venture capital investments.

Education

University of Virginia School of Law JD, 1994

Tufts University BS, Electrical Engineering with a minor in Computer Engineering, magna cum laude, 1991

Admissions & Credentials

Massachusetts

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Private Equity: Venture Capital Investment – Massachusetts (2018 – 2025)

Chambers USA: Corporate/M&A – Massachusetts (2014 – 2025)

Legal 500: Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts – M&A: Large Deals (2013)

Legal 500: Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2015)

Boston Magazine: Massachusetts Super Lawyer

Memberships & Affiliations

Boston Bar Association (BBA)