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**Timothy R. Damschroder is the co-chair of the Business Practice Group. He specializes in middle market M&A transactions (typically ranging from $30 million to over $1 billion) and corporate finance, advising middle-market companies, private equity sponsors, and family offices. His practice is national in scope, with significant work for clients based in major markets.**

He has substantial experience serving as outside general counsel to automotive, industrial and technology companies with domestic and international operations. He manages many major client accounts with responsibility for quality control, staffing, workflow, and overall client satisfaction.

His middle market activities involve companies in a broad range of industries including software, artificial intelligence, big data, pharma and other technology-based industries, manufacturing, publishing, automotive, aerospace, transportation, retail, food and beverage, construction, and healthcare. A significant portion of his practice involves representing founders and entrepreneurs in sell-side transactions, helping them navigate the sale process and achieve optimal outcomes. His active involvement with client transactions starts with pre-letter of intent negotiations and continues through to final closing. His primary value to clients is working to efficiently and effectively close transactions while helping clients understand and evaluate the important legal issues involved in transactions without hindering the client's business goals.

### practices & industries

Mergers and Acquisitions

Business

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Tax

### education

University of Detroit School of Law, J.D.

University of Michigan, A.B.

### admissions

Michigan

### court admissions

U.S. Ct. of Int'l Trade

Mr. Damschroder also specializes in dealing with technology companies from start up to transactions involving intellectual property, to venture capital financing, to eventual sale. He has significant experience working with the University of Michigan's Technology Transfer Office, having worked as part of a Bodman team representing a significant number of the start-up and spin-off companies that have licensed technology from U of M.

Mr. Damschroder's corporate finance work includes fund formation, private placements, debt and equity financing (private equity, venture capital, and angel investments), and derivative transactions including ISDA documentation, master agreements, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and other foreign exchange transactions (FX transactions), and options. This work also extends to representing multiple family offices in connection with their private equity investments, both through direct investments and alongside sponsors through co-investment and SPV structures.

Mr. Damschroder was the 2016 recipient of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section's Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award, presented to one business lawyer in the State of Michigan each year in recognition of contributions to Michigan business law over the course of a career. In 2025, he was selected by *Crain's Detroit Business* as a Notable M&A Dealmaker. He is listed in *IFLR1000 2025* under Mergers and Acquisitions and in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2026* under Mergers and Acquisitions. He is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2027* and has been named the *Best Lawyers®* 2026 Mergers and Acquisitions Law "Lawyer of the Year" and 2026 Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Ann Arbor. He is listed as one of three top-tier ranked lawyers in *Chambers USA 2026* under Corporate/M&A, a client shares that Tim is *"very competent and highly qualified. He is also thorough, timely, and understands the complexities."*

Mr. Damschroder is a former President of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section and a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He represents Bodman in GGI International. He is a past Chair of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund Board, having been appointed by former Governor Rick Snyder. The Fund, which is expected to receive up to $1.56 billion in contributions over 18 years, benefits the health and wellness of Michigan residents through programs focusing on children and seniors.

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- Crain's Detroit Notable M&A Dealmakers, 2025

- Chambers USA, Corporate/M&A, 2004-2026
- IFLR1000, Mergers & Acquisitions "Highly Regarded Practitioner"-Michigan, 2015, 2017
- The Best Lawyers® in America, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law, 2006-2027
- The Best Lawyers in America, Ann Arbor "Lawyer of the Year," Corporate Law, 2016, 2021, and 2026
- The Best Lawyers in America, Ann Arbor "Lawyer of the Year," Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2017, 2019, 2024, and 2026
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2006-2026
- Michigan Super Lawyers Top 100 Attorneys, 2019, 2024, and 2025
- DBusiness Magazine "Top Lawyers," 2009, 2011-2027, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award, State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section, 2016

## CIVIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Trustee
- University Musical Society, Board of Directors
- Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Past Chair, Board of Directors
- St. Joseph Mercy Health System Development Council, past Member
- Washtenaw County American Red Cross, past Member, Board of Directors
- Washtenaw County United Way, past Member, Board of Directors
- Peace Neighborhood Center, past President, Board of Directors
- Nonprofit Enterprise At Work (NEW Center), past Vice Chair, Board of Directors
- Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, volunteer with past service on many committees

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
  - Business Law Section
  - International Law Section
- Institute for Continuing Legal Education
  - Business Law Advisory Board, Past Member
  - Lecturer
- State Bar of Michigan
  - Business Law Section, Past Chair
  - International Law Section

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Interviewed by Crain's Detroit Business for special business sections, "Crain's Biggest Deals of 2017" (February 26, 2018)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Washtenaw Community College