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Libby Ridley routinely leads both buy-side and sell-side M&A deals for private companies. She is a trusted advisor whom clients regularly rely on to guide them through the M&A process, analyze risks and rewards, and provide sound business and legal advice.

Libby focuses her practice on complex mergers and acquisitions and general corporate governance matters across a range of sectors. She serves private equity funded clients, public companies, and privately held businesses in various industries such as manufacturing, information technology, financial services, consumer products, and beverage distribution, with a focus on the middle market.

Prior to attending law school, Libby worked as a financial analyst in the corporate and investment bank at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey (now Truist) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Awards and Recognition

- *The M&A Advisor* “Emerging Leader” (2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Corporate Law (2022-2024)
- *Florida Super Lawyers* “Rising Star” (2019)

Affiliations

- Advisory Board Member of The First Tee – Tampa Bay
- Nominating Committee Member of the University of Virginia Jefferson Scholars Foundation, Tampa Region

Practice Areas

- [Capital Markets & Public Company Advisory](#)
- [Corporate](#)
- [Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

- [Transactions](#)

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2012)
 - Recipient, Book Awards in Income Taxation of Estate and Trusts, Securities Regulations, Secured Transactions, and Corporate Scandals and Crises
 - General Board Member, *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy*
- University of Virginia (B.S., 2007)

Admissions

- Florida