

# Peter Spier Joins Quarles & Brady's Business Law Group in Chicago

Quarles & Brady LLP announced that Peter C. Spier has joined the firm's Business Law Group as a partner in its Chicago office. Previously, Spier was a partner at Gould & Ratner LLP.

The firm said Spier represents private equity funds, venture capital investors and privately-held companies in structuring and negotiating mergers & acquisitions, debt and equity financing transactions and myriad contractual arrangements. He also serves as outside general counsel for middle-market and emerging growth companies.

In addition to his corporate practice, Peter represents clients in the gaming sector, including sports betting companies, and the cryptocurrency/blockchain industry, where he handles the formation and structuring of cryptocurrency investment funds and advises clients on the impact of blockchain technology on their business.

"Cryptocurrency and blockchain technology is a burgeoning area of law and is already having a tremendous impact on the ways that transactions are conducted and financial assets are tracked," said Paul Langer, Chicago Office Managing Partner. "Peter has been at the forefront of this movement and is among the best to advise clients on this technology underpinning their business."

Spier has been named an "Illinois Leading Lawyer" in the areas of M&A, Securities & Venture Finance, Closely & Privately Held Business Law and Casino Gaming Law. He has also been named a "Rising Star" by Illinois Super Lawyers and has been recognized for "Excellence in Private Equity Legal Services" by Corporate LiveWire. Spier received his J.D. from

Northwestern University and his B.A., cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania.