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AREAS OF PRACTICE
Mergers & Acquisitions
Business
Taxation



I am a business lawyer with a focus on counseling my clients through commercial transactions including mergers and acquisitions, and advising my clients on how such transactions can affect their tax liabilities. In addition, I often counsel business owners on developing effective succession plans that secure the future of their business and align with their corporate structure.

My clients include business owners, high level executives, private equity firms and corporations who seek my representation due to my extensive experience in the field of corporate law. I have the ability to understand what my clients need, and help them develop succession planning and transactional strategies based on those needs.

My greatest strength lies in my analytical and negotiating skills. I put these to work for my clients to offer practical solutions that harness positive results. Over the years I have built long-lasting relationships with my clients who understand I can give them the results they desire, all while helping their businesses and their careers flourish.



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EXPERIENCE

- Counsels clients on corporate mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital transactions, corporate reorganizations, corporate fundraising through debt and equity instruments and tax planning
- Represents closely-held businesses, start-up technology companies and physician groups
- Plans and reorganizes for-profit and non-profit entities
- Consults and designs employee stock ownership and deferred compensation plans
- Analyzes and implements charitable planning to effectuate corporate dispositions
- Designs family limited partnerships and limited liability companies
- Joined the firm as an associate attorney in 1996; was elected partner in 1999
- Served as co-chair of the Business Practice Group from 2000 through 2006
- Served as Akron Office Partner-in-Charge from 2015 through 2018

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (LL.M., 1992)

Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio (J.D., with honors, 1990)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (B.S.B.A., 1990)

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana (B.S., 1983)

Universite Libre de Bruxelles, French Language (1983-1984)

Admissions

Ohio Bar

Pennsylvania Bar

U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Member: Akron Bar Association

Member: American Bar Association

Member: Ohio State Bar Association



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AWARDS & HONORS

Listed by Best Lawyers in America® (2003-2019)

Recognized in Best Lawyers Business Edition® for Trusts and Estates Law (2015)

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in Akron Tax Law (2015)

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in Akron Corporate Law (2009)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2017), as voted by his peers

Recognized in Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Tax Law (2014)

Recognized in Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel® for Tax (2009)

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™, which is the highest possible rating in both legal and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Trustee: Jewish Community Board of Akron

Trustee: Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank Foundation

Completed C.P.A. Examination

Graduate: Leadership Ohio



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