



Steven L. Brinker

Steve is a partner with the firm and Chair of the Business Law Group. He focuses on corporate and business law and assists clients with the formation, financing and development of business entities, including corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships. He also represents businesses and their owners in transactions including mergers, stock sales and asset sales as well as local, state, and federal governments, housing authorities, and special purpose authorities.

As part of his transactional practice, Steve advises medical practices and health care providers on transactional and operational issues unique to the health care field.

Steve's experience as a tax attorney allows him to advise business clients in tax law matters, including the tax consequences of mergers, acquisitions and other business transactions, and help develop a plan to address and mitigate negative tax consequences. His practice also includes advising tax-exempt entities in all aspects of corporate and federal tax law, including obtaining and retaining federal tax-exempt status.

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Practice Areas

Business Law
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Healthcare Law
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Commercial Real Estate Law

Government and Public Sector

Businesses & Industries

Business Owners & Managers

Banks

Health Care & Healthcare Providers

Housing Authorities

Local, State, & Federal Governments

Renewable Energy

Real Estate Buyers & Sellers

Real Estate Developers

Retailers

Special Purpose Authorities

Honors & Awards

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell

Listed in *Virginia Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star", Business/Corporate, 2014-2017

Listed in *Virginia Business Legal Elite®*, by *Virginia Business Magazine*, Business Law, 2016-2020

Listed in Top Lawyers of Coastal Virginia, 2018

Education

Georgetown University Law Center
LL.M., Taxation, Graduate with
Distinction, Dean's List, 2005

Washington & Lee University, J.D.,
Thomas Smith Purdie Scholarship,
2002

University of Virginia, B.A., 1999

Bar Admissions

Virginia

Delaware (Inactive)

District of Columbia

Professional Memberships

Virginia Bar Association

Hampton Bar Association

Newport News Bar Association

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar
Association

American Health Lawyers
Association

Community Involvement

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast
Virginia (Board Member, 2019)

Norfolk Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals (President,
2017; Board Member)

Washington & Lee University
Alumni Association—Tidewater
Chapter (President)

Representative Experience

- Represent businesses in all aspects of mergers and acquisitions and entity formations.
- Assist business owners with business succession planning, including drafting buy-sell agreements, shareholder agreements, operating agreements, trusts and other relevant documents.
- Form and structure joint ventures, including preparation of relevant documents.
- Assist alternative energy producers with project acquisitions and dispositions, and power and gas sales.
- Represent physicians and dentists in practice sales and acquisitions.
- Represent senior living facility operators in facility acquisitions and dispositions.
- Prepare applications for federal tax-exemption and reinstatement of federal tax-exemption following revocation.
- Represent franchisees in business and franchise matters.
- Serve as loan counsel to banks.
- Represent entities in the acquisition, financing, development and disposition of real estate.

Articles and Presentations

- A Stock Purchase for Tax Purposes and an Asset Purchase for Nontax Purposes—How to Use an F Reorganization to Get There (April 2010)