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OVERVIEW

An entrepreneur, tradesman, and former small business owner, JP draws on personal experience when counseling clients in corporate governance, business ownership transactions, and other securities matters.

While not the standard route to developing a corporate legal practice, JP began his career as a tradesman in the construction industry, eventually becoming a licensed journeyman plumber and owner of a commercial plumbing business. As small businesses owners often experience, juggling a broad spectrum of legal matters was mandatory in navigating business ownership. Over time, JP's interest in the legal aspects of business ownership grew, leading him to pursue a career in corporate law.

JP now focuses his practice on advising clients on complex issues around business ownership. His perspective as a hands-on business owner provides him with understanding and insight to the concerns clients face, while his unique construction background contributes to his down-to-earth and pragmatic approach to solving problems and achieving goal-oriented results. With a primary focus on the healthcare industry, JP assists clients with all aspect of business ownership, including business formation, corporate structuring, and corporate governance, as well as business acquisition and divesture strategies and implementation.

Industries

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Education

Services

Corporate

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities & Corporate Governance

Recognition

- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2018-2019, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Arkansas School of Law
 - *magna cum laude*
 - *Arkansas Law Review*, Note and Comment Editor
- B.S., Brigham Young University–Idaho
 - Business Management - Entrepreneurial Management
 - *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

Community Leadership

JP works with Legal Services of Southern Missouri, where he finds great satisfaction in helping people with financial barriers who otherwise would have limited or no access to legal help. JP also teaches a weekly Sunday school lesson for members and visitors of the local ministry he attends.