



PRACTICE FOCUS

John 'Jack' Orrick practices in Business Transactions and focuses on general corporate matters, joint venture formations, mergers and acquisitions and business and tax planning, as well as representing clients in securitized equity and debt financings.

Clients turn to Jack because of his business sense and collaborative philosophy, which he uses to negotiate transactions strategically and close deals. His diverse and extensive transaction experience gives him a broad view of overall business operations, allowing him to advise clients in a variety of industries, including, but not limited to, real estate. Jack's clients include property owners, managers, investors, owners of closely-held businesses, nonprofits and associations, financial institutions and providers of professional services.

He provides counsel on a wide scope of commercial transactions, including business formations, sales of business entities, compliance with federal and state securities laws, preparation of business agreements, review of financing agreements, preparation of confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements, and general business and tax advice tailored to the specifics of his clients' business objectives. He also works with nonprofit organizations on compliance with federal and state income tax laws. Jack has represented numerous clients in public and private securities offerings and municipal bond offerings. He counsels clients on state and local economic development packages, including financial incentives, PILOT agreements and tax credit and incentive programs. He has represented clients in the formation of opportunity zone funds and the acquisition of opportunity zone businesses. He assists with the formation of special taxing districts - including tax-increment financing districts, to support infrastructure for real estate projects. His experience also includes preparing legislation and lobbying on behalf of clients before the Maryland General Assembly.

As a respected leader in the business transactions field, Jack has served on the boards of trade associations of building industry members and has held various leadership positions in the Maryland State Bar Association. He has published numerous articles and lectured on topics related to deal-structuring and financing issues. Jack leverages his visibility in the industry to grow and share his knowledge, expand his professional network, and help people in his community who normally lack access to legal representation.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter -Maryland State Bar Association Advanced Business Law Institute, "The Corporate Transparency Act is Coming", April 27, 2023
- Panelist -Maryland State Bar Association Advanced Business Law Institute, "What the Federal Corporate Transparency Act has to do with my Clients", April 28, 2022

Additional Speaking Engagements

- Presenter - Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit and Annual Meeting -Veterans and Military Law Section - Boots to Business June 13, 2019
- Presenter - 11th Annual Veterans' Legal Assistance Conference & Training - Going from Boots to Business June 7, 2019
- Presenter, Maryland State Bar Association Advanced Business Law Institute -- "Choice of Entity After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" April 18, 2019

RECOGNITIONS

- James J. Hanks Lifetime Achievement Award, given annually by the Maryland State Bar Association (Business Law section) to a retired or practicing attorney whose lifetime achievements have contributed to the practice of business law, 2021
- Awarded Milton E. Kettler Award for lifetime participation, contribution and service to the building industry by Maryland Building Industry Association, 2019
- Named a "Top Attorney" by *Bethesda* magazine, 2019
- Selected as a Maryland Business/Corporate Super Lawyer for 2018 by *Super Lawyers*
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, in Corporate Law 2016-2024
- Directors Community Service Award - Home Builders Care Foundation, 2014
- Selected as a Maryland Super Lawyer for 2012-2024 by *Super Lawyers*
- Selected as a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer for 2012-2022 by *Super Lawyers*
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated 5.0 out of 5.0; highest possible rating for both legal ability and ethical standards

JOHN ORRICK

Retired Counsel, Bethesda

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Formation and Governance
- Business Law and Transactions
- Business Transactions
- Emerging Companies and Growth
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Entities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
 - Sections on Business Law and Taxation; Trusts and Estate Law
 - Committee on Unincorporated Business Committee
- Maryland State Bar Association
 - Member, Board of Governors, 2014-2016
 - Committee on Budget and Finance 2016-2020
 - Committee on Unincorporated Business Associations-Drafting Committee for Revisions to Maryland Limited Liability Company Act, 2010-2013; 2021-present
 - MSBA Bylaw Revision Committee, 2022-2023
 - Continuing Legal Education Committee, 2011-2021

- Member, Board of Governors, 2010-2012
- Business Law Section Council, Chair 2009-2010
- Business Law Section Council, 2002 - present
- Lieutenant Governor's Technology Law Task Force, 2001 - 2002
- Housing Unlimited, Inc., Advisory Board and General Counsel
- Home Builders Association of Maryland
 - Board Member (Ex-Officio), 2000-2014
 - Executive Committee, 2007-2009
- Home Builders Care Foundation
 - Board Member, 2000-2014
 - Secretary, 2007 - 2014
- Maryland Building Industry Association
 - Life Director, 2021 - present
 - Board Member (Ex-Officio), 2014-2021
 - Legal Counsel, 2014 - 2021
- Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington
 - Legal Counsel 2014 - Present
 - President 2012-2014
 - Board Member 2011-2016

- Life Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation
- Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation

EDUCATION

- George Washington University Law School, J.D.
- Georgetown University School of Law, LL.M.
- Trinity College, B.A.

AWARDS

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland