



John Orrick

Senior Counsel

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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.

Services

- Business Law and Transactions
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

- George Washington University (J.D.)
- George Washington University (LL.M.)
- Trinity College (B.A.)

State Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

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

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*
- Named *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships, Corporate Law (2016-2026)
- Directors Community Service Award – Home Builders Care Foundation, 2014
- Selected as a Maryland Super Lawyer for 2012-2025 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
- Life Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation
- Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Publications & News

August 21, 2025

98 Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch Lists

January 2, 2025

24 Offit Kurman Attorneys Honored on 2025 Maryland Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

December 18, 2023

Offit Kurman Maintains a Strong Presence on the 2024 Maryland Super Lawyers List

April 20, 2023

Offit Kurman Hosts Corporate Transparency Act Webinar

April 7, 2023

Offit Kurman’s Jack Orrick Leads Discussion at MSBA Business Law Event

April 18, 2022

Jack Orrick to Moderate Panel at MSBA Advanced Business Law Institute

June 15, 2021

Blog Posts

December 27, 2023

The Corporate Transparency Act and FinCEN Reporting

As you may already know, the Corporate Transparency Act (“CTA”) goes into effect on January 1, 2024. Under the CTA, many privately held companies will be required to file beneficial ownership information (“BOI”) reports online with the Financial Crimes...

November 8, 2023

Newly Enacted Requirements for Disclosure of Beneficial Ownership of US Business Entities

Originally posted on 02/21/2021, content updated 11/08/23. Congress has passed legislation over the veto of former President Trump to require the disclosure of the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of US business entities at the time of formation. This...

November 3, 2022

FinCEN Issues Final Rule for Beneficial Ownership Reporting under Corporate Transparency Act

On September 30, 2022, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) within the U.S. Department of Treasury issued final regulations under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) that will require most small domestic and foreign business entities which are registered to...

December 20, 2021

Treasury Department Issues Proposed Regulations on Disclosure of Beneficial Ownership for Most Business Entities

On December 8, 2021, the Department of Treasury issued a release containing a set of proposed regulations that would implement the reporting requirements for disclosure of Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) of most US and foreign entities doing business in...

July 14, 2021

Employer Restraints on Employee Competition Under Attack

In many employment relationships, particularly those involving employees with management roles, customer contacts or specialized knowledge, employers have sought to restrain the employee from competing with the employer’s business after terminating employment. These so-called “Covenants Not to Compete” have always...

Featured Works

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