

## Business and Corporate Law

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### Comprehensive experience providing strategic business and legal solutions to position our clients for success.

Businesses throughout Arkansas and beyond rely on Mitchell Williams for innovative business and legal solutions to help manage the challenges that arise in today's competitive business environment. Whether it is day-to-day management and strategic planning, securing financing through a bank, identifying the most effective tax structure, or raising capital through a private equity fund, our business and corporate lawyers have the experience needed to help companies succeed and grow.

Our business and corporate lawyers represent a wide range of local, regional and national clients at all stages of their development – from startups to mature businesses to multimillion-dollar national corporations. Our team often works with clients in the role of general outside counsel providing effective legal support on all aspects of planning, structuring, negotiating and executing a variety of corporate transactions. We maintain a strong and focused local and regional practice which allows us to assist our clients with building relationships through our extensive contacts in the region's business and regulatory community. Our goal on every matter is to drive value to our clients and deliver outstanding service.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Top Ranked in Arkansas by Chambers USA
- Extensive experience providing creative strategies and business-minded solutions focused on client business goals
- Comprehensive legal knowledge to anticipate challenges, identify opportunities and manage business needs
- Integrated team of business and corporate lawyers to leverage in-depth industry knowledge across the firm

### CAPABILITIES

#### Business

- Contracts
- Disputes
- Entity selection and structuring
- Reorganizations
- Succession planning
- Tax planning
- Purchase and sale transactions
- Buy-sell agreements
- Commercial lending
- Construction contracts
- Cyber security and data privacy considerations
- Employment agreements
- Employment counseling and compliance

- Environmental issues
- Financing for business operations
- General corporate matters
- Leasing agreements
- Licensing agreements and permits
- Outside general counsel services
- Real estate acquisition and sale transactions
- Tax structuring
- Trademark and intellectual property rights and licensing

## **Corporate**

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- Acquisitions and divestitures
- Complex financial restructurings
- Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Dodd-Frank Act
- Compliance with SEC and stock exchange requirements.
- Finance and refinance
- Fiduciary duty matters
- Corporate governance matters
- Compliance programs, policy statements and procedures
- Mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations
- Regulatory matters
- Corporate tax planning
- Debt and equity financings
- Debt securities
- Director and officer insurance and liability matters
- Disclosure obligations
- Derivatives
- Due diligence and fiduciary responsibilities
- Executive compensation agreements
- Joint venture agreements and transactions
- Inbound and outbound licensing of intellectual property
- Indemnification
- Insider and affiliate transactions
- Licensing agreements
- Management and leveraged buy-outs
- Private securities offerings
- Recapitalizations
- Restructuring, reorganization, and asset liquidation
- Secured transactions and other credit arrangements
- Securities law reporting compliance
- Securities regulation and reporting at the state and federal levels
- Shareholder agreements including buy/sell and voting agreements
- Shareholder rights
- State and federal compliance and corporate filings
- Stock issuance, stock splits, reverse stock splits, and stock redemptions
- Stock option, restricted stock and other equity compensation plans and agreements
- Succession planning
- Transaction structuring
- Taxation issues