

Matthew S. Black



Matthew (“Matt”) S. Black
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Court Admissions

- All North Carolina State Courts (1998)
- Fourth Circuit Federal Court (1998)

Education

- Wake Forest University School of Law, Juris Doctorate (J.D.), 1998
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Bachelor of Science, 1995

Bar Activities

- North Carolina Bar Association
- Wake County Bar Association

Honors & Recognition

- Law Review, Wake Forest University School of Law
- *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star
- *Business North Carolina*, Legal Elite

Prior Employment

Equity Shareholder, Pinna, Johnston & Burwell, P.A., 1998-2021

Representative Transactions

- Purchaser and Seller counsel on numerous commercial real estate acquisitions, tax-deferred exchanges (1031) and joint ventures involving undeveloped land, office, shopping centers, apartments and flex space.
- Lender's counsel on various commercial real estate (CRE) loans.
- Lead attorney on numerous mergers and acquisitions ranging from \$500,000 to \$50,000,000, involving public and private equity acquirers.
- Outside general counsel for numerous closely-held business in various business fields including, without limitation, counsel to professional practices (medical, dental, engineering, accounting), scientific and personal service companies.

Practice Areas

- **Commercial Real Estate**
- **Corporate and Business Law**
- **Mergers and Acquisitions**
- **Estate Planning and Administration**

Since 1998, Matt has concentrated his law practice representing families and closely-held businesses in the areas of commercial real estate, corporate and business law, mergers and acquisitions and estate planning and administration. Matt has extensive experience in structuring, negotiating and drafting commercial leases, loan transactions and commercial real estate acquisitions and tax-deferred exchanges. In a cradle-to-grave approach, Matt further advises clients everywhere from entity formations to the sale of business. Matt has drafted and negotiated numerous types of contracts for his business clients, such as internal owner and key-employee governing documents, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, supplier and vendor contracts, business to business contracts and independent contractor agreements.

Matt sees one of his primary roles as being a "general counsel" to his clients and enjoys forming deep, lasting relationships. He uses his expertise and experience to proactively identify issues and enjoys shepherding his client as they jointly navigate and solve the legal issues at hand. Matt aims to be responsive and available to his clients and recognizes that the issues presented to him by his clients are important and worthy of full attention.

Matt is a Raleigh native and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Engineering (with distinction). Matt graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1998, where he was a member of Wake

Forest Law Review. After law school, Matt joined and was an equity shareholder in the law firm of Pinna, Johnston & Burwell, PA (predecessor entity to Envisage).

Matt has been recognized by his peers as a leader in his field, having been selected as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers and as one of North Carolina's Legal Elite in Business North Carolina.

Matt is married with two children and enjoys travel, back country hiking and camping and other outdoor activities. Matt has been and remains active in the community serving in his Church and as a member of the Board of Directors of various local non-profit organizations.

We exist to help our clients achieve their visions for the future.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with our clients, helping them to anticipate, avoid and overcome challenges and obstacles to their successes.

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