

Chambliss in Spotlight for Clarity Amid the Pandemic

The Hamilton County Herald published "<u>Clarity Amid Turmoil</u>," an article discussing the role Chambliss played amidst the ever changing pandemic-related guidance. Like for most businesses, the pandemic changed the way Chambliss was going to operate for an unknown amount of time. In addition to quickly altering internal operations, our firm worked tirelessly to keep clients and the community up-to-date on the latest impactful legislation and guidance related to COVID-19. This initiative was led by the COVID-19 Task Force, which became a go-to resource for many topics including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The Herald's article recalls swift steps our team took on a holiday weekend to keep clients informed. The eve of Memorial Day weekend, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Small Business Administration finally released long awaited PPP loan forgiveness guidance.

Chambliss task force attorneys including President and Managing Shareholder <u>Mark Cunningham</u>, <u>Jim Catanzaro</u>, and <u>Justin Furrow</u> quickly worked on the breakdown of the guidance into the early hours of Saturday morning. Mark shared how he was the first to "dissect the text" in the team wide effort, and members of the firm's marketing and business development team — including Aricia Gallaher, Megan Bissonette, and Paige Bureau — played an integral role in editing and distributing the communication as they had with other critical guidance throughout the pandemic. This quick work led to <u>Chambliss being cited by the Wall Street Journal</u> in its article "<u>Questions Persist After Release of New Small-Business Loan Rules</u>."

The article also gave insight on how Chambliss handled COVID-related precautions and safety for its employees. Although there were mixed views on the "right vs. wrong" way to handle protocols at the beginning of the pandemic, "keeping everyone safe and healthy was the number one concern." Now, a year out from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, "we're essentially the same group, and our relationships with each other are stronger."

Today Chambliss continues to help clients navigate the challenges that COVID-19 continues to present. For a list of resources, please visit our COVID-19 Insight Center, contact a member of our task force, or reach out to one of our attorneys directly. Our services span from general business and employment advice to health care related topics to relief funding and auditing questions. We remain committed to our clients and community and are ready to assist in any way we can.