



Courtney J. Keehan

Associate



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I enjoy using my skills and talents to help clients give back to their community, whether locally in Chattanooga or beyond.

Working with clients in a wide variety of industries, Courtney advises on business matters related to mergers and acquisitions, the formation of private investment funds, environmental compliance, private offerings of debt and equity securities, and general business operations. She often works with clients of all sizes, including startups, nonprofits, and tax-exempt entities on entity formation, contract review and preparation, employment-related matters, and raising capital. She also helps with security and privacy issues, including the preparation of privacy statements, policies, and terms of use for websites and mobile applications. Drawing on her education in architecture and global sustainability, Courtney advises real estate clients on brownfield redevelopment, zoning, and environmental issues. Courtney is genuinely interested in her clients' success. She has developed great relationships through her personal approach and consistently offers high-quality results. As a native of Chattanooga and advocate for the community, Courtney is knowledgeable about the local business environment and constantly builds her network for the benefit of the firm and its clients. Prior to joining the firm full-time, Courtney worked with both Chambliss and the Southern Environmental Law Center as a summer associate, as well as with the Federal Highway Administration as an extern. In her undergraduate studies, she was involved in multiple design projects, including the Yamuna River Project, where she helped rethink the riverfront design in New Delhi, India, to address the city's pressing pollution issues and had her studio's design work exhibited at the Swiss Embassy in New Delhi.

Experience

Assisted with the sale of Midwest Sport and Turf Systems to TenCate Grass, a global leader in synthetic turf components, by providing strategic legal counsel to ensure a seamless transition and support MWSTS's continued growth

Services

- Audit Counsel: PPP Loans and Other Investigations
- Business
- Chambliss Startup Group
- Construction and Design
- Environmental
- Health Care
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate

Industries

- Communications, Technologies, and Utilities
- Construction
- Food and Beverage
- Health Care
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate
- Startups and Emerging Companies

Admissions

- Tennessee

Education

- J.D., University of Colorado School of Law, with honors, 2018
- B.S., University of Virginia, with high honors, 2015

Advised clients on the structuring, formation, and negotiation of terms of investment vehicles, preparation of offering and subscription documents, and legal strategies with respect to capital raising and ongoing investor relationships

Represented Drake Software, a leading tax preparation software provider headquartered in North Carolina, in connection with a significant investment in the company by Cinven, an international private equity firm

Assisted 113-year-old Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Tullahoma in selling its family-owned business to Reyes Holdings, L.L.C, a Coca-Cola bottler and craft beer distributor that delivers more than 1.3 billion cases of beverages and food products per year

Assisted a privately owned snack food manufacturer in the acquisition of a bakery specializing in fully-baked, thaw-and-sell bakery items for distribution in convenience store, food service, and in-store bakery channels nationwide

Assisted in the sale and acquisition of local and national companies

Advised companies on entity formation, technology and IP rights, and commercial contract matters

Assisted in the preparation of transactional documents for startups and early stage companies in securities offerings ranging from \$100,000 to \$10 million

Prepared and reviewed non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements for large manufacturers and startup companies

Drafted website and mobile application terms of service, end-user license agreements, and privacy policies

Assisted in the preparation of employment and equity agreements for physician groups

Advised and drafted brownfields agreements and land use restrictions related to land contamination and remediation matters involving former manufacturing sites

Advised on zoning issues for commercial and residential real estate transactions

Assisted clients with real estate chain of title issues and filing an action to quiet title

Associations

Bar Associations

- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association, Environmental Section, Vice Chair
- American Bar Association

Noteworthy

- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Corporate Law, Health Care Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2022-2025
- Leadership Chattanooga, 2024 Class
- Yamuna River Project, University of Virginia Architecture School
- *Colorado Natural Resource, Energy, and Environmental Law Review*, Production Editor
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic, University of Colorado Law School, Student Attorney, 2016
- Dean's List, University of Colorado Law School
- Student Council President, University of Virginia School of Architecture
- Excellence in Design Award, University of Virginia, 2015
- University of Virginia School of Architecture Service Award, 2015

Community

- Thrive Regional Partnership, Board of Trustees, 2022
- Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute, Game ChangeHer Class of 2021
- AVA, Board Member

Sidebar

Courtney is a Chattanooga native who likes to keep busy both in and out of the office. In her free time she enjoys running, hiking, and traveling. She also likes trying out new recipes, architectural drafting, and spending time with her family and friends.