



Edward R. Christian

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"I always want to represent our clients in an effective and efficient manner in order to make our client's job easier."

Ed Christian serves as the firm's Chief Executive Officer/Managing Partner. He also practices in the firm's Corporate and Tax Practice Group, representing a variety of privately held companies for which he provides representation and advice on mergers & acquisitions and general business, corporate, and contractual matters. Ed has significant experience in the manufacturing industry, where he regularly assists manufacturing clients with all phases of the manufacturing process including financing, supply contracts, customer contracts, joint ventures, and other strategic alliances. He also regularly represents restaurants and retail entities handling mergers & acquisitions, employment agreements, franchise agreements, and minority investments.

Ed puts his clients and the task at hand above all else. As a transactional attorney involved in mergers & acquisitions, commercial contracts, and corporate franchise and distribution, he knows every detail matters. With a love for learning his client's business, he works alongside stakeholders to build seamless partnerships that allow him to take a "yes, and..." approach to finding ways forward. Responsive and thorough, Ed puts his clients in control and efficiently produces results that enable them to grow their business and achieve their goals.

Ed spends time away from work at the lake.

Ed earned his LL.M. in Taxation and J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Paralegal

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CAPABILITIES

Commercial Contracts

Manufacturing

Mergers & Acquisitions

Restaurant Services

International Law & Tax

Corporate Law

Franchise & Distribution

Food & Beverage

EDUCATION

LL.M., Taxation, University of Alabama
School of Law

J.D., University of Alabama School of
Law

summa cum laude

B.A., Washington and Lee University
cum laude

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Experience

- Represented private equity firm in multi-million dollar acquisition of restaurant chain.
- Represented manufacturer in sale of multi-million dollar manufacturing facility.
- Represented manufacturer in multi-million dollar assembly agreement.
- Represented accounting firm in connection with sale of business.
- Represented large manufacturer in a joint venture of a new product.
- Represented health club in multi-million dollar sale of health club chain.
- Represented restaurant franchise in multi-million dollar acquisition.
- Represented local restaurant chain in all phases of business.
- Represented construction company in multi-million dollar acquisition.
- Represented manufacturing client in multi-million dollar loan transaction.
- Private Equity Firm Acquires Majority Interest in Restaurant Company
11.12.2019

Honors & Recognition

- Listed In *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law since 2009, Mergers & Acquisitions Law since 2010, International Trade and Finance Law since 2023
- Named, *Chambers USA*, "Eminent Practitioner" in Corporate/Commercial (2021-2023) and Corporate/Commercial (2010-2020)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Lawyer of the Year," Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Birmingham, Alabama (2015, 2021, & 2024)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Mergers & Acquisitions (2017-2018)
- *Alabama Super Lawyers*, Business/Corporate (2012-2014)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating

LICENSED IN

Alabama

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News

- Ed Christian Featured in Birmingham Business Journal CEO Sit-Down Series Media Mention, *Birmingham Business Journal*, 12.29.2023
- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year" Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Burr's Ed Christian Graduates from Leadership Birmingham Firm News, 07.25.2023
- 61 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers USA Firm News, 06.01.2023
- Ed Christian Quoted in The Daily Report Highlighting Burr & Forman's Growth Firm News, 07.07.2022

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker: Labor & Employment Seminar Speaking Engagement, Birmingham, AL, 05.04.2018

Articles

- "The Future of the Firms," *Birmingham Business Journal* Articles / Publications, 09.20.2019
- *Automotive Logistics: Avoiding Supply Chain Disruptions with Effective Legal Planning* Articles / Publications, 12.22.2017
- Ed Christian Featured in Mergers & Acquisitions Table of Experts with *Birmingham Business Journal* Articles / Publications, 07.19.2016
- *Birmingham Business Journal: Mergers & Acquisitions Table of Experts* Articles / Publications, 07.15.2016

Civic Activities

- Rotary Club of Birmingham
- Grace House Ministries, Vice Chairman

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Alabama State Bar
- Birmingham Bar Association