

Mark Knight

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Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions
Commercial Law
Corporate Governance
Corporate Law
International Law and Services
Securities
Start-ups

Industries

Agribusiness
Retail
Emerging Technology
Life Sciences
Manufacturing
Technology

Education

- University of South Carolina, J.D., 1981, cum laude
- Furman University, B.A., 1978, summa cum laude

Efficient and responsive service are fundamentals of Mark Knight's practice. This philosophy has guided his counsel on mergers and acquisitions worth more than \$1 billion and more than 50 capital-formation transactions.

Typical engagements include:

- Structuring and implementing acquisitions, mergers, divestitures, reorganizations, dissolutions, control contests, recapitalizations
- Development of, and compliance for, private securities offerings
- Structuring and negotiating licensing of intellectual property and related rights
- Commercial contract preparation and review, including supply chain agreement
- Managing other highly complex business transactions

Outside of Nexsen Pruet, Mark is an active leader in the South Carolina Bar's legislative committees involving limited liability company, limited partnership, and securities law issues. He frequently speaks on various topics related to his practice and has published articles on limited partnerships and commercial law in the USC Law Review.

Admissions

→ South Carolina

Innovation and Accolades

Mark has been a leader in South Carolina's growing innovation community, working closely with start ups through InnoVenture - a platform creating a pipeline for innovators and ideas - for ten years. Mark served as legal chair of InnoVenture from its inception through 2014.

His work and dedication to his clients have earned him a number of notable achievements. He has been consistently recognized as a Band 1 mergers and acquisition lawyer in *Chambers USA* since the 2009 edition. In the 2020 edition, he was the only Band 1 lawyer recognized.

Best Lawyers has named Mark the 2019 Securities Regulation "Lawyer of the Year", the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Corporate Law, the 2014 Mergers and Acquisitions "Lawyer of the Year", 2013 Securities/Capital Markets "Lawyer of the Year", the 2012 Corporate "Lawyer of the Year", and the 2010 Merger and Acquisition "Lawyer of the Year" for Columbia, South Carolina. He has been listed among the *Best Lawyers in America* for Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Securities Law since 2003.

Additionally, Mark was named "Legal Elite" of the Midlands for Corporate Business Law and participated in an exploratory business and goodwill delegation to Vietnam and Myanmar for the Center for Global Strategies in 2006.

Experience

InnoVenture
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Recognitions

- "Legal Elite of the Midlands" - Corporate Business Law
- Recognized by *Chambers USA*, Band 1, Corporate/M&A, South Carolina 2003-2021
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law and Securities Regulation, Since 2003
- Listed in *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" for Securities / Capital Markets Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law in Columbia, S.C. in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent
- Recognized by IFLR1000, 2019

Community & Professional

- American Bar Association
- 2004-2014: Legal chair for InnoVenture innovation and resource platform
- 2011-2013: Steering Committee for Prziembel Prize for collaborative innovation
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar
- South Carolina Investor Network

Each year from 2004-2014, Mark has taken part in the InnoVenture Conference in Greenville, SC. In May of 2012 and 2013, he presented on the Jobs Act, which provides for significant changes to America's securities law.

Watch the video.

News

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39 Nexsen Pruet Attorneys Listed in 2021 Legal Elite of South Carolina