



Chris Bonner

Special Counsel

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Education

- New York University School of Law, LLM
- Harvard Law School, JD
- Williams College, BA

Practices & Industries

- Corporate
- Financial Institutions & Lending
- Public Finance

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Illinois

Biography

Chris is a business lawyer who devotes much of his practice to counseling clients on regulation, disclosure, and corporate-governance matters. He advises on securities and banking regulation, board of directors conduct, disclosure to investors before and after selling investment securities, and requirements of the several banking agencies. Chris counsels publicly traded companies, private securities issuers, start-ups, venture capital companies, underwriters, registered investment advisors, and broker dealers, and several of his clients are banks that he advises on regulatory matters.

Chris advises numerous clients in business acquisitions, handling corporate-governance issues prior to purchase or sale and documenting the transaction. He assists start-up enterprises in the formation of corporations or limited liability company entities and in shaping shareholder and operating agreements. He also counsels private-equity investors.

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association, Business Law and Tax Sections
- New York State Bar Association, Committee on Corporations and Other Business Entities Member

Representative Experience

- Advised publicly traded clients on the SEC registration and sale of common stock and warrants to take advantage of market conditions.
- Advised a credit union board of directors conducting an internal investigation of alleged wrongdoing by the chief executive officer.

- Advised a private LLC business regarding how to buy out a retiring owner and prepared documents for buyout.
- Advised a broker-dealer on due diligence for cryptocurrency offerings.
- Revised electronic-service contracts for a community bank.
- Advised numerous clients regarding private placements and drafted offering memoranda.

Prior Experience

- Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Of Counsel

Selected Community Activities

- Small Claims Court, Volunteer Arbitrator
- Condominium Board of Managers President

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Corporate Law, 2026
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated for Very High to Preeminent Ethical Standards and Legal Ability

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Syracuse University NYS Technology Law Center, “Main Street Now Reaches to Start-Up Country”
- National Business Institute, “LLC or Inc.? Entity Selection for a Small- to Medium-Sized Business”
- Lorman Education Services, “LLCs, LLPs, and Partnerships: Organization and Operation”
- New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, “How Has Sarbanes-Oxley Affected the Legal Profession?”

Selected Media

- Law360, “NY Banking Brief: All the Notable Legal Updates in Q4”
- Law360: “NY Banking Brief: All the Notable Legal Updates in Q3”
- *Syracuse Law Review*, “Annual Update on Business Associations”

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- New York Court Issues Mandatory Injunction to Close Under a Stock Purchase Agreement
- SEC Amends Definition of Accredited Investor
- COVID-19: NYS Business and Not-for-Profit Corporations May Hold Virtual Shareholder, Member Meetings for the Time Being
- Did You Receive a Letter Complaining About Your Website?
- Second Circuit Raises the Bar in Insider Trading Cases