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Warren focuses his practice on matters relating to limited liability companies, partnerships, and other unincorporated entities, as well as the taxation of those entities. His clients rely on his abilities as both a business and a tax lawyer to be two advisors in one. He has also advised both global companies and overseas governments on U.S. law and regulations, having long practiced with international law firms.

His practice emphasizes the representation of:

- Privately-held companies
- Venture capital and private equity financings
- Strategic alliances and joint ventures
- Negotiation and structuring of mergers and other transactions
- Design and implementation of equity incentive plans and agreements

As chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Joint Task Force, Warren is responsible for drafting the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act. He is former Chair of the Model Operating Agreement Drafting Subcommittee of the Partnerships and the Unincorporated Business Organizations Committee, responsible for drafting the ABA Business Law Section's Model Real Estate Development Limited Liability Company Agreement, and is the past

SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax & Transactions

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions & Insurance
Health Care
Manufacturing
Real Estate, Construction & Development
Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality

PRIMARY LOCATION

Charlotte, NC

Chair of the Tax Committee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section. Warren also chairs the LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association's Business Law Section and its LLC Legislation and Official Commentary Subcommittee. He frequently lectures on his areas of practice.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina

Louisiana, Inactive

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Chair of the Joint Legislation Task Force that drafted the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act (NCGS Chapter 57D)
- Chair of the LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association's Business Law Section and its LLC Legislation and Official Commentary Subcommittee
- Chair of the Limited Liability Company Revisions Task Force of the Business Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association (2007 – 2014)
- University of North Carolina School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law; Partnership Taxation (2009)
- North Carolina Bar Association, Council Member of the Business Law Section (2009 – 2012)
- North Carolina Bar Association, Council Member of the Taxation Section (1998 – 2002)
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Chair Taxation Committee (2003 – 2006)
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Former Chair of the Joint Task Force on Model Operating Agreements of the LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee and the Taxation Committee
- Charlotte Rotary Club, Board of Directors (2009 – 2011)

EDUCATION

J.D., Order of the Coif, Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center Louisiana Law Review, Member, 1985

LL.M., Taxation, New York University Tax Law Review Graduate Editor, New York University School of Law

LL.M., with highest distinction, Securities Regulation, Thomas Bradbury Chetwood S.J. Award, Georgetown University Law Center

B.A., *cum laude*, Washington and Lee University, 1981

HONORS

- AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2007-2026
- Best Lawyers "Charlotte Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) Lawyer of the Year," 2019, 2021, 2026; "Charlotte Litigation and Controversy-Tax Lawyer of the Year," 2012, 2022
- North Carolina Legal Elite, *Business North Carolina* Magazine, Tax and Estate Planning, 2017, 2022, 2024, 2026; Tax Law, 2007–2015, 2021; Business, 2023
- North Carolina Super Lawyers by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2007–2026
- "Top 100" Lawyers, *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2012-2015
- *Charlotte Magazine*, Top 100 Attorneys in North Carolina
- *Charlotte Magazine*, Top 25 Attorneys in Charlotte
- America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Chambers & Partners, Corporate/M&A, 2014
- North Carolina Bar Association's Business Law Section, Service Award

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