

## Joseph J. Santaniello

PARTNER, CORPORATE, TAX &  
TRANSACTIONS REGIONAL  
SERVICE LINE LEADER



A member of the Corporate, Tax & Transactions Service Line, Jack focuses his practice in mergers and acquisitions; general corporate and commercial transactional matters; franchise, distribution, and licensing law; and copyright and federal and state trademark matters. Additionally, Jack has experience in nonprofit organizations, commercial bankruptcy and creditors' rights matters, and securities law matters.

With more than 25 years practicing law, Jack provides strategic counsel and representation in a wide range of business activities, including:

- Transaction negotiations
- Corporate formation and dissolution
- Contract review
- Ownership transfers and disputes
- Management buyouts
- Equity succession transfers
- Business and commercial litigation

In addition to his legal experience, Jack brings a diverse perspective to his work gleaned from life experience such as serving as a volunteer firefighter in Chapel Hill while in college and an NCAA Division 1 soccer referee.

### SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax and  
Transactions  
Data Breach Response Team  
Intellectual Property  
Merger, Acquisitions, &  
Divestitures  
Real Estate and Development

### INDUSTRY SECTOR

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

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1997

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- SHARE Charlotte, Board of Directors
- Charlotte Regional Business Alliance Foundation, Board of Directors
- Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association, Business Law Section Council
- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section
- American Bar Association, Forum on Franchising
- International Trademark Association
- International Franchise Association
- FBI Charlotte Citizens' Academy Alumni Association

## HONORS

- AV<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2024, 2025
- Legal Eagle, *Franchise Times*<sup>®</sup>, 2020, 2023, 2024
- *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* Diversity & Inclusion Awards Honoree, 2021
- Businessman of the Year, 2020 Latin American Excelente Awards, *La Noticia*
- North Carolina Legal Elite, *Business North Carolina* Magazine, Business/Corporate, 2015, 2017, 2023
- North Carolina Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2009-2012
- Charlotte Movers & Shakers, *Business Leader* magazine, 2011, 2012
- 40 Under 40, *Charlotte Business Journal*, 2009
- North Carolina Law Impact Leader, Business Leader, *North Carolina Legal Guide*, 2009
- Top Lawyers in Charlotte, *Business Leader* magazine, 2008
- Class 30 of Leadership Charlotte

Development  
Retail & Consumer

## PRIMARY LOCATION

Charlotte, NC

## EDUCATION

J.D., University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1997

B.S., Business Administration,  
University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill, 1994