

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LAW PRACTICE GROUP

It's said that every successful business needs a great accountant and a great lawyer. No matter what business you are in, there are simply those times you need expert counsel and support.

The Barber Law Firm delivers specific expertise in business law, with a particular emphasis on small, middle-market and privately held companies. Attorneys practicing in our Business and Corporate Law Practice Group have experience running the gamut of situations your

business might encounter — from routine contracts and transactions to bet-the-company litigation.

Rooted in an extensive and successful litigation practice, the Business and Corporate Law Practice Group is designed first and foremost to keep you out of the courtroom. But should a dispute proceed to mediation, arbitration or trial, the firm delivers a team that will aggressively represent your interests.

SERVICES

The Business and Corporate Law Practice Group at the Barber Law Firm works with individuals, partnerships, companies and corporations, locally and regionally, from a variety of industries to provide legal advice to them to assist in structuring, managing and growing their businesses.

Our experience and capabilities include:

- Formation and Dissolution Of Business Entities
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Business Planning
- Corporate Governance and Formalities

- Creditors Rights
- Bankruptcy
- Shareholder Agreements
- Employment Contracts
- General Contract Review, Preparation and Negotiation
- Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreements
- Liability Risk Assessment
- Real Estate Transactions
- Commercial Liens
- Garnishment
- Commercial Litigation

PUBLISHING AND PRESENTATIONS

Our attorneys are recognized as involved educators and advocates in best legal practices for small and privately held businesses. The group's attorneys lead continuing legal education classes and presentations for clients, attorneys, companies and individuals in the business community. Recent work includes:

- "Family Businesses Need To Plan Ahead" commentary article by Perry L. Wilson, 2011
- Best of CLE — *Bankruptcy Basics*, presentation for Arkansas Bar Association, Joseph F. Kolb, 2010
- Debtor-Creditor Law Institute — *Creditor's Rights*, presentation for Arkansas Bar Association, Joseph F. Kolb, 2009
- *How To Avoid Lawsuits* presentation for CPAs, Perry L. Wilson, 2006
- *How To Use Forensic Accounting In Business Litigation* presentation, Perry L. Wilson, 2006

Our clients range from national corporations dealing with major and complex litigation to Arkansas businesses addressing real estate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, business formation and dissolution — virtually any situation that requires diligence, insight and bulletproof documentation. Particularly in the realm of small business, our attorneys have owned and operated as well as consulted extensively with a wide variety of organizations, allowing them to draw upon a deep well of knowledge and experience. Clients we represent include:

- Family Farms and Associated Corporations, LLCs, Partnerships, and Trusts
- Timber and Forest Products Companies
- Internet Service Providers and Web Developers
- Financial Services Organizations Including:
Banks, S&Ls and Auto Finance Companies
- Food Service and Supply Companies
- Printing and Graphic Design Companies
- Real Estate Brokerages and Title Companies
- Professional Services Firms (Accounting, Legal, Engineering, and Architectural)
- Mining Companies





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Mr. Kolb joined the Barber Law Firm in 1989 as a member of the Business and Corporate Law Practice Group. Since that time, he has focused his efforts on the representation of national lending institutions and other creditors in consumer bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters. He has experience in the areas of contract law, corporations, and general commercial litigation as well.

Mr. Kolb received his undergraduate degree in economics and business from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. He earned his J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas. He has served as president of the Debtor-Creditor Bar of Central Arkansas, Inc. and as a featured speaker at legal seminars for attorneys and credit managers.

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Mr. Wilson concentrates his practice in the areas of business and corporate law and commercial litigation. Mr. Wilson also maintains a construction law and litigation practice. He serves as general legal counsel for a number of businesses in Arkansas. He has also litigated numerous jury trials to verdict since joining the firm, and he has significant experience in handling complex, multi-party, multi-district litigation.

Mr. Wilson has assisted numerous business clients in corporate formation, choice of entity and corporate governance decisions. He has also negotiated and formalized the sales and acquisitions of numerous small and mid-sized businesses (both full purchases and sales and divisional purchases and sales).

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Wilson graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, clerked in the Arkansas Supreme Court, and served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District of Arkansas.

Mr. Wilson was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Arkansas Business "40 Under 40" list.

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