



COUNSEL

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Practices

Business & Corporate Transactions
Business Litigation
Government
Intellectual Property
Land Use & Zoning
Litigation
Real Estate

Industries

Retail & Hospitality
Community Associations
Government
Privately Held & Small Business
Commercial Real Estate

EDUCATION

University of Richmond School of
Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2012

James Madison University, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 2006

ADMISSIONS

Virginia
U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

As a trusted advisor and compelling advocate, Chris Mackenzie looks toward the future with you to identify opportunities and help avert potential problems, so that you can focus on your success.

Chris focuses his practice on real estate, land use, and zoning law. Chris works with a range of clients including commercial real estate developers, localities, community associations, and retail businesses. As a steadfast friend in business, Chris enjoys creating a comfortable relationship with his clients. Chris offers a congenial interest in guiding his clients to thrive in their endeavors. He can work with you to survey and successfully navigate the current legal landscape.

Chris also offers a depth of experience in both civil litigation and handling organizational, transactional, and protection issues for local business owners and entrepreneurs. He can assist with setting up your new corporate structure, drafting your organizational documents, and protecting your intellectual property. He can also serve as your ally in negotiating contracts or defending against breach of contract claims.

Further, Chris specializes in Art Law and offers legal guidance to collectors, gallery owners, and artists. If you are acquiring or selling art or moving art across international borders, Chris can help ensure that you uphold a legal process with correct documentation, so you can maintain ownership of art with confidence. Chris is well-versed in laws that control the handling of artifacts from other countries, as well as checking the legality of the arts' current ownership.

Beyond his enthusiasm for Virginia businesses and passion for art, Chris also offers a global perspective, having studied international law at the University of Cambridge in England in 2010. While in law school, Chris served as Articles Editor for the University of Richmond Law Review, National Chairperson for the Robert R. Merhige, Jr. National Environmental Negotiation Competition, and Executive Board Member of the Client Counseling and Negotiation Board.

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RECOGNITION

"Legal Elite" in Real Estate/Land Use, Virginia Business magazine, 2020

"Legal Elite - Young Lawyer (under 40)", Virginia Business Magazine, 2017-2019

"Legal Elite", Intellectual Property, Virginia Business Magazine, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Richmond Bar Association

Virginia Bar Association

Virginia State Bar