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## Christopher M. Mackenzie

### COUNSEL

#### PRACTICES

Business & Corporate Transactions · Business Litigation · Government · Intellectual Property · Land Use & Zoning · Litigation · Real Estate · Community Associations · Privately Held & Small Business · Commercial Real Estate

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*As a trusted advisor and compelling advocate, Chris 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. He 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. He 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

#### 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

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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.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Virginia State Bar

Virginia Bar Association

Richmond Bar Association

### RECOGNITION

Legal Elite, Young Lawyer (under 40), *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2017 – 2018

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

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Studio Two Three, Board of Directors

Fan District Association