

# Jonah Samples

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Jonah focuses his practice on banking and financial services, commercial litigation, real estate, and taxation. Jonah regularly litigates matters on behalf of clients in West Virginia and Ohio courts, represents clients before state agencies, and routinely handles administrative and transactional matters across the Appalachian region.

## Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

### Previous Professional Experience

- Summer clerk, Office of the West Virginia Attorney General
- Legal extern, Moritz College of Law Legislation Clinic in the Ohio General Assembly
- Summer associate at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
- Research Assistant, Professor Dakota Rudesill
- Judith H. Herndon Legislative Fellow, West Virginia Legislature

## Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- West Virginia Super Lawyers, Rising Star - Banking (2025)
- [Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch](#)
  - Corporate Law (2026)
  - Energy Law (2026)
  - Real Estate Law (2026)

## Education

The Ohio State University Moritz  
College of Law, JD

- Editor-in-Chief, *I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society* (now *Ohio State Technology Law Journal*)

Marshall University, BBA, Economics,  
summa cum laude

- Double-minor in Political Science and International Affairs
- Academic Achievement Award in Economics

## Admissions

West Virginia

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States

## Practice Areas

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

[Consumer Financial Services](#)

[Tax Lien Resolution & Litigation](#)

[Energy](#)

## Professional Activities

- West Virginia Bar Foundation Lawyer Leadership Institute (Class of 2021)
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
  - Vice-Chair, Business and Commercial Law Substantive Committee (2020–Present)
- West Virginia State Bar
- DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Legal Aid of West Virginia
  - Board member (2024–Present)

## Community

- Assistant Basketball Coach, Poca Middle School (2022–Present)
- Campaign Ambassador, United Way of the River Cities (2020–2022)
- Napa Legal Institute, Legal Strategy Working Group (2020–Present)
- Community Supported Agriculture Program Assistant, Facing Hunger Foodbank (2016)
- Assistant Football Coach, Poca Middle School (2013–2015)

## Industries

[Real Estate](#)

[Banking & Financial Services](#)

[Data Center](#)

## Articles & Speeches

### Insights

[Federal Court Decision Empowers West Virginia Churches with New Legal Protections](#)- Author (October 1, 2024)

[Leveraging Former Mine Lands for Economic Development: A Game-changer for Appalachian Communities?](#)- Author (September 27, 2024)

[Leveraging Renewable Energy for Economic Growth in Appalachia](#)- Author (September 23, 2024)

Cybersecurity in the Banking Industry: Check Your Blind Spots , *West Virginia Banker Magazine*- Co-Author (Summer 2024)

[The Road Less Traveled - A Case for the Consideration of Hidden Constitutional Claims in Evaluating Removal and the Possible Pitfalls](#), *The West Virginia Defender*- Author (Winter 2022)

[WVCCPA 2021...What is, What was, and What is Yet to Come](#), *The DTCWV Defender*- Co-Author (Spring 2021)

[‘It’s Coming to Ohio’ – Sports Betting Likely on the Way to Buckeye Country](#), *Sports Lawyers Association*- Author (March 25, 2021)

[How the COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts Pennsylvania Tax Lien Sales](#), *CPA Now*- Co-Author (Oct. 12, 2020)

[Enter Sandbox: West Virginia Adopts Innovative FinTech Regulatory Sandbox Program](#), *West Virginia Banker*- Co-Author (Sept. 10, 2020)

[The Small Business Reorganization Act: An Unintended Lifeline For Small Businesses Considering Restructuring Due to COVID-19](#)- Co-Author (Aug. 24, 2020)

[FHFA Broadens Deferral Option for COVID-19 Forbearances and HUD Extends Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium](#)- Co-Author (May 20, 2020)

[COVID-19 and West Virginia: How the Actions of the State's Three Branches of Government Impact West Virginia Businesses](#)- Co-Author (March 25, 2020)

[Making it Rain Down in Africa – the Increase in African-Born Athletes in American Basketball Leagues and the Uncertain Future of the Industry](#), 15 DePaul J. Sports L. & Contemp. Probs. 47 - Author (Spring 2019)

## Events/Speaking Engagements

[New Small Business Bankruptcy via Chapter 11: Key differences versus traditional Chapter 11, 7, or 13 and how small business can use SBRA to reorganize](#)- Co-Presenter (Oct. 8, 2020)

[The Small Business Reorganization Act: An Unintended Lifeline for Small Businesses Considering Restructuring Due to COVID-19](#)- Speaker (October 6, 2020)

## Alerts

[Reacting to Tyler v. Hennepin County: Maryland Federal Court Applies Fair v. Continental Resources](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (October 22, 2025)

[Energy, Data Centers, and the Trump Administration's AI Action Plan: A Strategic Guide to New Programs and Policies](#), Megawatt Minute (August 6, 2025)

[Reacting to Tyler v. Hennepin County: West Virginia Federal Court Allows Wood County Tax-Sale Challenge to Proceed](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (January 24, 2025)

[Reacting to Tyler v. Hennepin County: Nebraska Supreme Court Imposes Liability on Investors](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (August 26, 2024)

[Reacting to Tyler v. Hennepin County: Michigan Addresses Retroactivity of Legislative Fix](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (August 8, 2024)

[Reacting to Tyler v. Hennepin County: Massachusetts Passes Surplus Funds Revisions](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (August 7, 2024)

[Narrowing the Reach of Tyler v. Hennepin County: Lessons from Metro T. Properties, LLC v. County of Wayne](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (March 5, 2024)

[Supreme Court Holds Forfeiture of Tax Sale Surplus Proceeds is a Governmental Taking](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (May 26, 2023)