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Sean represents clients in connection with complex commercial contract negotiations, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters. Sean has significant experience representing manufacturers in the automotive industry, including drafting and negotiating supply agreements, related services agreements, and other contracts. He also advises clients with respect to mergers and acquisition transactions and general corporate matters, including entity formation, capitalization issues, and capital-raising considerations.

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.

Motor Vehicle Industry Experience

- Has advised automotive original equipment manufacturers on strategic legal issues involved in the manufacturing, sale, and distribution of motor vehicle products, including:
 - Long term commercial and procurement agreements with suppliers of in-line and aftermarket accessories.
 - Framework agreements regarding dealerships owned by public entities or larger dealer groups.
 - Strategic issues regarding the sale of electric vehicles and related ancillary products, including the direct sale of electric vehicle chargers and other accessories.
- Has advised global automotive suppliers in connection with the sale and distribution of electric vehicle-related equipment, charging infrastructure, and battery electric power systems.

General Corporate Experience

- Counseled buyers and sellers in various industries in M&A and other complex transactions, including stock sales, assets sales, mergers, recapitalizations, and similar transactions.

Education

Vanderbilt University Law School, JD
(2015)

- Order of the Coif
- Elliot E. Cheatham Scholar
- Managing Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
- Associate Problem Editor, Vanderbilt Moot Court Board
- Vanderbilt Scholastic Excellence Award: Secured Transactions

Furman University, BA, summa cum laude (2012)

- Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

South Carolina

Practice Areas

[Corporate Governance](#)

[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

Industries

[Automobiles & Other Motor Vehicles](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

- Drafted and negotiated commercial contracts for companies in various industries, including service agreements, supply and distribution agreements, development agreements, and non-disclosure agreements.
- Assisted emerging companies with various corporate governance matters, including entity formation, capital raises, securities law compliance, and the negotiation of governing documents including complex operating agreements.
- Assisted clients with various corporate governance matters, including issues related to capitalization, employment matters, and securities law compliance.

Previous Professional Experience

- Summer Associate, Atlanta law firm (2014)
- Summer Intern, sales and marketing departments of major music entertainment company, New York, N.Y. (2010)

Educational Activities

- Vanderbilt University Law School
 - Research Assistant to Professor Ganesh Sitaraman

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.

- [Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch](#)
 - Corporate Law (2024-2026)
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2024-2026)
- S.C. Supreme Court Pro Bono Honor Roll ([2020](#), [2021](#))