

George E. Morrison

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George Morrison serves as the Managing Partner of the Charleston Office. George advises corporate clients on formation, succession, and transactional issues, and general business matters. He is involved in all areas of corporate practice, including entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, liquidations, reorganizations and corporate governance.

George has extensive experience advising borrowers and lenders in commercial lending transactions and in the preparation of third-party closing opinions, whether as local or lead counsel.

George also advises individuals and businesses on Section 1031 tax deferred real estate exchanges, Partnership and S-Corporation taxation, mergers and acquisitions, tax structuring for real estate transactions, and other tax aspects of doing business, including handling commercial and manufacturing property tax appeals at all administrative levels.

Experience

- Advises individuals and businesses on the following: estate planning and trusts, probate administration, charitable planning and business succession planning
- Extensive work with tax-exempt organizations, including nonprofit advisement and Internal Revenue Code compliance, including restoration of revoked tax-exempt status
- Obtains IRS tax exemption recognition determination letters, including for tax-exempt entities formed to serve as conduit borrowers of tax-exempt financing
- Representation of economic development clients in incentive transactions involving fees in lieu of property taxes and multi-county industrial parks

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Paralegal

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CAPABILITIES

Economic Development
Manufacturing
Corporate Law
Financial Institutions
Tax Law
Trusts & Estates Planning
Mergers & Acquisitions
Business Formation
Succession Planning
Financial Services
PPP and CARES Act Audit,
Investigations, & Defense
Multifamily Housing
Opportunity Zones

EDUCATION

LL.M., Taxation, New York University
School of Law
J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law
B.A., University of Virginia

LICENSED IN

South Carolina

George E. Morrison

- Representation of borrowers and lenders in varied commercial loan transactions, including construction lending, asset-based lending, project finance and revolving lines of credit

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® , Corporate Law since 2019, Real Estate Law since 2020, Banking and Finance Law since 2021, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) since 2021, Mergers and Acquisitions Law since 2023, Economic Development Law since 2023
 - Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Lawyers of the Year," Real Estate Law (2023), Business Organizations (2023), Banking and Finance Law (2024)
- Named, *Charleston Business Magazine*, "Legal Elite," Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions (2020-2021, 2023)
- South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Honor Roll 2012
- Deans List, University of South Carolina
- Arthur B. Custy Tax Award, University of South Carolina
- South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Honor Roll 2012
- CALI Award - Agency, Partnership, and LLCs, University of South Carolina
- CALI Award - Antitrust and Trade Regulation, University of South Carolina
- CALI Award - Corporate Taxation, University of South Carolina
- Echols Scholar, University of Virginia
- National Merit Scholar

News

- Sixteen Burr Attorneys Across South Carolina Recognized in 2023 Legal Elite Firm News, 08.01.2023
- Burr's George Morrison Named a "Top Vote Recipient" for the 2020 Legal Elite of the Lowcountry Firm News, 08.11.2020
- Burr Represents Industrial Laser Manufacturer Expanding in North Charleston Firm News, 04.03.2020
- Burr's George Morrison Featured in Charlotte Agenda discussing Opportunity Zones Firm News, 01.16.2019
- George Morrison Receives 2018 Leadership in Law Award Firm News, 02.07.2018

Articles

- Paycheck Protection Program: Where Are We Now? Articles / Publications, 05.06.2020

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- U.S. Senate Approves Additional Funding for Small Business Relief
Articles / Publications, 04.22.2020
- Federal Reserve Announces New Programs for Mid-Size Business Relief
Articles / Publications, 04.10.2020
- So You Qualify for a Paycheck Protection Loan... Now What?
Articles / Publications, 04.01.2020
- SBA Paycheck Protection Program: Is Your Business Eligible?
Articles / Publications, 03.27.2020

Blog Posts

- Recent Opportunity Zone Regulations Benefit Entrepreneurs
Tax Law Insights, 05.31.2019
- Opportunity Zone Regulations: First Impressions
Tax Law Insights, 10.22.2018
- 7 Most Frequently Asked Questions About Opportunity Zones
Tax Law Insights, 05.10.2018
- UPDATED: New Carried Interest Rules of Interest to Real Estate Developers and Asset Managers
Tax Law Insights, 03.02.2018
- IRS Issues Guidance For Administration of Estate Tax Lien Discharge Requests
Tax Law Insights, 05.04.2017

Civic Activities

- Member, Board of Directors, Engaging Creative Minds
- Member, Loan Committee, South Carolina Community Loan Fund
- Coastal Community Foundation Open Grants Committee, 2011
- Extensive involvement with assisting nonprofit organizations with startup and other issues
- Leadership Charleston Class of 2008
- Leadership South Carolina Class of 2015

Professional Activities

- Member, Charleston Tax Council
- Member, Charleston County Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Tax Section, numerous committees and subcommittees, including on partnership taxation and tax-exempt organizations
- Member, American Bar Association, Business Law Section, numerous committees and subcommittees, including on LLPs, LLCs, legal opinions, and secured transactions under the UCC

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- Member, Corporate Banking and Securities Law Section, South Carolina Bar Chair (2017) Vice Chair (2016)