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I am rooted in a Harvey MacKay quote that my father often preached to me in my formative years: “The ten most powerful two-letter words in the English language are: If it is to be, it is up to me.” I rolled my eyes then, but the curiosity and motivation expressed by that adage rings true every time I’m serving a small, medium, or large business client.

In my spare time, I enjoy coaching and watching my children play youth sports, traveling with my wife, walking our dog, and following college and pro sports. A little-known fact about me: I participated in walk-on tryouts for the Michigan basketball team in 1993. Although my dreams of becoming the sixth member of the Fab Five did not become reality, Ray Jackson’s quip as I left the tryout – “good hustle, little man” – remains one of the highest compliments I have ever received.



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Banking and Commercial Lending
- Business Succession Planning
- Entity Formation
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate
- Business & Commercial
- Commercial Lending
- Estate and Trust Planning
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Tax

### EDUCATION

**The University of Michigan Law School** Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1999

**University of Michigan School of Business Administration** 1996

Honors: With High Distinction Honors and Delta Sigma Pi

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**University of Michigan Club of Grand Rapids** Board of Directors, President, 2005 – 2006

**American Bar Association** Member – Franchise Section

**State Bar of Michigan** Member

**Grand Rapids Bar Association** Member – Business and Tax Section National

**NFL Players Association** Certified Contract Advisor, 2007-2010

**Senior Meals Program, Inc.** Board of Directors

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America
- Selected for inclusion in Grand Rapids Magazine’s 2019, 2020 and 2021 Top Lawyers