

# Jeffery Q. Jonasen

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## Practice & Industry Areas

- Corporate Law
- Corporate Finance Law
- Securities Law & Corporate Governance
- Emerging Companies
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Healthcare Transactions

## Education

- University of Florida, J.D., 1988
- University of Florida, B.S.B.A., 1985

## Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 1989

## Overview

Jeff Jonasen has, for more than two decades, advised and counseled business owners, executives and boards of directors concerning their business and commercial transactions, their financings and acquisitions, their corporate governance responsibilities, and their other legal and regulatory obligations. His objective is to assist clients in achieving their goals and to help them avoid obstacles to success.

Jeff is a shareholder who joined the firm in 2013, and he focuses his practice on corporate representation, licensing and distribution, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, and corporate finance and securities. Jeff's experience includes handling joint ventures, securities offerings, and other domestic and international business transactions, as well as in representing investors, start-ups, non-profit entities, benefit corporations, medium sized businesses, and Fortune 500 companies.

He has represented a wide variety of clients in many different types of businesses, including overseas agricultural operations, international industrial equipment manufacturers, local medical practices, restaurant franchisees, private equity investors and funds, start-up technology companies, chambers of commerce, consulting firms, health care-related entities, investment advisors, and many others. Jeff is an “AV” rated lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for corporate law.

A sixth-generation Central Floridian, Jeff has deep roots in the community and serves on numerous philanthropic, civic, and community boards. He has played critical roles in establishing and leading regional business advocacy and economic development organizations and initiatives. Business leaders and government officials seek his counsel and support in advancing a community agenda.

## Honors

- AV rated as independently determined by Martindale-Hubble
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law, 2019-24
- Leadership Florida, Class XXIV, 2005-06
- Boy Scouts of America
  - “Silver Beaver Award”
  - “Silver Antelope Award”
  - “Silver Buffalo Award”
  - “National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award”
  - “Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award”
- University of Florida
  - UF Alumni Association “Outstanding Gator Club Member”
  - Florida Blue Key, “William E. Rion Award”
  - University of Florida Hall of Fame

## Publications & Presentations

- “Factors Angel Investors Analyze When Making Investment Decisions and Evaluating You,” Gunster Law Day, speaker/coach, July 14, 2022

## Professional Associations & Memberships

- Florida Bar
  - Business Law Section
  - City, County and Local Government Law Section

- American Bar Association
  - Business Law Section
  - State and Local Government Law Section
- Orange County Bar Association
  - Business Law Committee

## **Civic & Community Service**

- Central Florida Foundation
  - Chair, 2019-present
  - Vice Chairman, 2018-19
  - Board of Directors, 2015-present
  - Investment Committee, Chairman, 2016-19
- Orlando Economic Partnership
  - Board of Directors, 2017-present
- Florida Opportunity Fund, Board of Directors, 2018-present
- West Orange Political Alliance, Board of Directors, 2011-present
- University of Florida Government Affairs Advisory Committee, 2005-present
- Florida Blue Key, Alumni Advisory Board, 1990-95, 2014-present
- Boy Scouts of America
  - Central Florida Council
    - Executive Board, 1993-present
    - President, 2006-08
  - Southern Region Board, 2006-present
  - National Council Representative, 2001-present
  - National Order of the Arrow Committee, 2007-present
  - National Sea Base advisory Committee, 2012-present
  - National Alumni Committee, 2013-16
- University of Florida Alumni Association
  - Board of Directors, 1996-00, 2002-15
  - President, 2009-10
  - Central Florida Gator Club, President, 2001-02
- University of Florida Foundation, Board of Directors, 2009-10
- Central Florida Partnership
  - Board of Directors, 2008-17
  - Chairman, 2011-12
- Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, Board of Directors, 2014-17
- BusinessForce
  - Board of Directors, 2003-04, 2006-15
  - Chairman, 2007-08
- Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce

- Board of Governors, 2002-08
- Vice Chairman, 2007-08
- Leadership Orlando Alumni Chairman, 2004