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Overview

Pete Hartweger is a partner in the firm's Business Transactions group. His emphasis is in mergers and acquisitions, tax, general business, pass-through entities, non-profit and tax-exempt entities, and IRS tax controversies. A large portion of his practice involves representing small- to medium-size closely-held businesses; counseling on contract, employment, tax, licensing, and ownership matters; and navigating the day-to-day issues encountered by these businesses. His clients also include several large organizations, including a few publicly traded companies.

Pete has a thriving mergers and acquisition practice, representing both the buy-side and the sell-side on various types of business acquisitions. His clients are spread across a wide range of industries, including wealth management, financial planning, manufacturing, broadcasting, engineering, transportation, construction, technology, health care, and temporary labor.

Prior to attending law school, Pete worked for three years with KPMG in Atlanta, Georgia, as both a senior auditor and a senior tax specialist.

Pete received the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association President's Award in 2007 and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation President's award in 2011. He is also a board member of the Center for the Developmentally Disabled.

Education

- University of Missouri School of Law, 1995 (J.D.)
- University of Notre Dame, 1989 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 1995

Community Involvement

- ScrapsKC, Board Member

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Corporate Law, 2024-2026
 - Litigation and Controversy – Tax, 2024-2026
 - Tax Law, 2026

Memberships

- Exit Planning Institute (EPI) Kansas City Chapter, Board Member

Presentations and Publications

- "M&A and Private Capital Markets," EPI Kansas City Chapter Meeting, March 2026
- "[The M&A Process, Setting Expectations, Typical Frustrations](#)," EPI Kansas City Chapter Meeting, October 2025