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## Overview

**Pete Mirakian focuses his practice on corporate governance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and tax law.**

Pete serves as the chair of the firm's Opinion Committee, which oversees the firm's third-party legal opinion practice. He represents public and private companies and individuals in complex U.S. as well as international transactions and joint ventures, registered and unregistered securities offerings, securities regulatory compliance, including issues under the Federal Securities Act, Exchange Act, Investment Advisers Act, and Investment Company Act; FINRA rules; stock exchange rules; and state "blue sky" laws, business and tax planning, corporate governance issues, including the formation and operation of special board committees, internal corporate investigations, and a wide variety of contractual negotiations. Pete's knowledge of securities and tax law and corporate governance practices are integral to solving client problems effectively and efficiently.

## Education

- University of Kansas School of Law, 1996 (J.D.)
- University of Kansas

## Bar Admissions

- Kansas, 2000
- Missouri, 1996

## Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2019-2024
- *Missouri Lawyers Media*, POWER List, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2023-2024

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association

## Presentations and Publications

- "Handling the Sale of a Business," National Business Institute, 2017
- "Tax Saving Structures and Strategies for Attorneys," National Business Institute, 2017
- "Structuring and Drafting the Acquisition Agreement," National Business Institute, 2013
- "The Process of Incorporation v. LLC Formation," National Business Institute, 2012-2011
- "Key Procedures in Mergers and Acquisitions of Privately Held Companies," National Business Institute, 2011
- "Sales and Use Tax," National Business Institute, 2011
- "Financing a Film: Securities Law Considerations," KC Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts, 2010
- "Tips of the Trade: Overcoming Common Challenges in M&A," National Business Institute, 2010
- "Missouri Corporate Organization and Operation," *Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws*, Missouri Bar Association, 2005, 2009
- "Advanced Tax Issues for LLCs," National Business Institute, 2007-2010
- "Choosing the Right Entity for Your Client's Business," National Business Institute Webinar, 2009
- "Advantageous Uses of LLCs," National Business Institute, 2006
- "Compensating Employees with Stock or Other Business Interests," Lorman Education Services, 2003, 2005
- "Sales and Use Tax Basics," Lorman Education Services, 2003, 2005
- "A Practitioner's View of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act," Missouri Bankers Association's Annual Legal Conference, 2003