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Profile

Charlie is chair of Bond's Agribusiness Industry group.

He advises cooperatives, agricultural associations, agricultural suppliers, agricultural lenders, food processors, other agribusinesses and farmers about a variety of matters, including business formation, business governance, finance and credit, taxation, securities compliance, antitrust regulation and contracts. He assists clients with: transactions and business planning; representation before the USDA Farm Service Agency; challenges to USDA determinations before the USDA National Appeals Division and federal courts; representation before the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; food processor licensing and compliance; land use, farmland protection and agricultural districts; and matters involving the Perishable Agricultural Commodities and Packers and Stockyards Acts.

A frequent speaker on a variety of agricultural law topics, Charlie was raised on a dairy farm in Malone, New York.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Corporate Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2010-2026 (listed more than 15 years)
 - Lawyer of the Year (Syracuse), Corporate Law, 2017; 2019; 2021; 2023, 2026
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Business and Corporate, 2024-2025
 - New York State Bar Association
- Onondaga County Bar Association
- Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association
- American Agricultural Law Association
- Associate Member, Northeast Cooperative Council
- National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Delegate, Legal, Tax and Accounting Committee
- Statutory Draftsperson, Colorado Cooperatives Act and Amendments to the New York Abandoned Property Law
- Head Note and Comment Editor, *Buffalo Law Review*

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1992)
- St. Lawrence University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1989)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- Business and Transactions
- Agribusiness
- Business Restructuring, Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Commercial Lending
- Financial Institutions Regulatory
- Long Term Care
- Manufacturing
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Municipalities
- Property
- Startup and Emerging Business

Other Activities

- Executive Council of the Alumni Association, St. Lawrence University, 2009-2018; Treasurer 2010-2012
- School Commission, Holy Family School, Syracuse, 2006-2016; Commission Chairperson 2014-2016
- Board of Directors, NY State Industrial Exhibit Authority, 2004-2008
- Board of Directors, Food Bank of Central New York, Inc., 1998-2004; President 2003-2004

Representative Presentations

- Moderator, Resolving Mass Tort Liability in Bankruptcy Post Purdue Pharma, TMA Upstate New York Chapter, October 13, 2022
- Moderator, The State of the Wine Industry Report - What Does it Really Mean for New York Wines?, B.E.V. NY Business Day Conference, February 26, 2020