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Profile

Charles advises clients on a variety of business and commercial law matters. He represents clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions, business formations, contract negotiations and financing transactions.

Charles is also a member of the firm's business restructuring, creditors' rights and bankruptcy practice, and provides representation to both creditors and business debtors. His practice includes representation of agricultural clients such as cooperatives, agricultural suppliers, agricultural lenders, food processors, producers and other agribusinesses. Charles is a frequent speaker on a variety of business and bankruptcy law topics.

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*

Other Activities

- Executive Council of the Alumni Association, St. Lawrence University, 2009-2018; Treasurer 2010-2012

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

- 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