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Areas of Practice

Corporate Governance | Corporate Law | Mergers & Acquisitions | Technology | Private Equity and Venture Capital | Franchise and Distribution Law

Adam Buss is a Partner in the Corporate Practice group of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. His practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues, emerging businesses, information technology and corporate finance. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Buss practiced as a Certified Public Accountant for a number of years. His expertise in business and finance provides the background necessary to manage the array of issues encountered in a transactional practice.

Mr. Buss has handled merger and acquisition transactions in a wide range of industries including oil and gas pipelines, alternative energy, construction, security and information technology, insurance and medical industries. In addition, Mr. Buss has advised clients in connection with numerous technology and licensing issues.

Mr. Buss is the co-author of "Instruments, Techniques, and Transactions: Gifting Stock Options," *The Journal of Corporate Taxation*, Summer 1996 and "Instruments, Techniques and Transactions: Clouds Gathering Over Corporate Equity Split-Dollar Insurance Plans," *The Journal of Corporate Taxation*, Autumn 1996.

A native of New York, Mr. Buss received his B.A. in Business Administration from Arizona State University and graduated with honors from the University of Florida School of Law, where he was a member of the University of Florida Law Review. Mr. Buss is also a member of the University of Florida Order of the Coif and The Florida Bar. He has consistently been named to *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] for his work in Corporate Law, Corporate Governance Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and as "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville in Corporate Law in 2020 and Corporate Governance Law in 2023.

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Mr. Buss is a longtime volunteer of Take Stock in Children, a non-profit organization that provides college scholarships and mentors for deserving low-income students from minority families. He is also actively involved in the youth mentoring organization Big Brothers Big Sisters and has tutored underprivileged high-school students in algebra through the Daniel Foundation.

Admissions

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Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America®, Jacksonville, Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law (2010-2011, 2019-2025);
Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2021-2025)

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