



MATTHEW SCHWANDT

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OVERVIEW

Matt Schwandt is an accomplished attorney and seasoned entrepreneur who returned to private practice after a decade of successfully running his own business. As the principal co-founder and board chair of Bauhaus Brew Labs, Matt has personally walked in the shoes of business owners and has overcome many of the same challenges. He has a proven track record of founding, developing, and expanding a small business, and his experience honed his capabilities in business finance, commercial transactions, strategic planning, and negotiation.

Matt assists clients with corporate formation and governance issues; negotiates comprehensive commercial contracts, including leases, business equipment loans, and vendor agreements; and guides clients on compliance issues, including considerations for food, beverage, and emerging cannabis businesses in Minnesota.

A graduate of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, Matt previously served as an assistant attorney general in Minnesota. In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar, spending time outdoors, and cheering on his teenage kids, both of whom are competitive swimmers.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Independent Brewers Alliance: Board Member
- Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild: Former Board Member
- Coalition 9: Member

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Commercial Real Estate for Minnesota's 'Budding' Cannabis Industry," panelist, Twin Cities Commercial Real Estate Outlook, *Finance & Commerce*, 2024

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Corporate & Securities

- Closely Held Businesses
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Businesses & Venture Capital
- General Counsel Services
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Mergers & Acquisitions

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota

EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas School of Law
J.D., *cum laude*, 2009

Honors: Dean's awards for top grades in Antitrust, Lawyering Skills I & II, and Comparative Constitutional Law; Dean's List

Belmont University

B.B.A., 2001

Business Administration