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Jay Butler has extensive experience with the purchase and sale of businesses, negotiating commercial contracts, and creating joint ventures. He works on transactions throughout the United States. His clients include private equity funds, domestic and international manufacturing companies, recyclers, energy companies, and other private and public businesses.

He regularly provides legal counsel on stock and asset acquisitions, sales transactions, equity participation structures, entity formation, and the variety of commercial contracts employed by manufacturing, distribution, and energy companies.

Jay clerked for the Honorable Sam J. Ervin III on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Closed the \$260 million sale of a private equity platform company after representing that company in a series of add-on acquisitions.
- Led the legal team in the \$45 million recapitalization of a multi-state distribution business and established the related credit facility and equity structure.
- Represented a private equity firm in the successful acquisition of a hydraulic equipment platform business followed by a series of multimillion-dollar add-on acquisitions.
- Successfully closed several add-on acquisitions around the country with a combined value of approximately \$60 million for an electronic component company.
- Completed the \$40 million platform purchase of a company in the food industry and led the legal team in the subsequent refinancing of the business.
- Lead counsel in the sale of a 20-megawatt solar power generating facility to a public utility and local counsel on a variety of solar farm sales and recapitalizations.

CLIENT ALERTS

- "How a New Law in Mainland China Will Impact Foreign Investment Into China," June 2019



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PRACTICE AREAS

Mergers, Acquisitions &
Joint Ventures
Private Equity
Commercial Contracts
Renewable Energy



EDUCATION

Harvard University
JD, 1983
University of North Carolina
at Greensboro
BA, *summa cum laude*,
1979



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1983



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- "First Circuit Decision Exposes Private Equity Funds to Pension Fund Liabilities," August 2013

HONORS

- North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, 2018
- Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* in Environmental Law, 2009-2016
- Power of Justice Award, *Business Leader* magazine and the North Carolina Bar, 2008
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ in Mergers; Acquisitions & Joint Ventures; Commercial Contracts; Environmental

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Bar Association, NC LEAP Steering Committee, 2012-2017