



## D.J. Simonetti

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D.J. Simonetti is a shareholder in the Firm's Birmingham office.

Mr. Simonetti concentrates his practice in the areas of employee benefits and executive compensation, employer resources, corporate and business, and health care law.

### Representative Matters

- Represented the seller of assets (including real estate) of a food manufacturing and distribution business and its principal shareholders to a strategic buyer. Worked with the seller side investment banker in negotiation of asset purchase agreement and related documents.
- Represented shareholders of a privately held fire protection contractor in the negotiation of the sale of stock to a private equity fund; negotiated the engagement agreement with the seller side investment banker and the letter of intent with the private equity fund.
- Represented a client in the formation of a holding company that formed a partnership with an unrelated holding company to purchase a large medical office building. The deal involved the negotiation of the ownership agreement, purchase agreement and bank loan for the acquisition.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law since 1997; Corporate Law since 2007; Health Care Law since 2013; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) since 2016; Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law since 2017; Mergers and Acquisitions since 2018
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2015 and 2011 Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Birmingham
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation lawyer in Alabama (2024, 2025)
- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* (2009 – 2016)
- Listed in *Alabama Super Lawyers*, Business/Corporate (2009 – 2014)
- Named to *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" (2022)
- Named by *Birmingham* magazine as one of "Birmingham's Top Attorneys" in ERISA Law (2015)
- Listed in *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" (2006)
- Former Chairman – Southern Employee Benefits Conference Communications Committee (1994 – 1996)
- Member – American and Birmingham Bar Associations
- Associate Editor – *Vanderbilt Law Review*

### Education

- Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1979
- Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, B.S., 1975, cum laude

### Admissions

- Georgia, 1979
- Alabama, 1981