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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)
- 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