



## Anthony J. Jacob

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Anthony Jacob serves as a trusted advisor to domestic and foreign corporations, limited liability companies; all types of partnerships, banks, private lenders, and other commercial lending institutions. Tony provides general corporate and commercial lending legal counsel, which includes:

- various aspects of private merger, acquisition, divestiture and employee benefits matters;
- secured and unsecured lending transactions, asset securitization and structured finance, ESOP loans, and syndicated commercial financing transactions;
- initial debt and equity offerings, primary and secondary debt offerings; and
- corporate reorganizations and restructuring, and joint ventures.

Tony also represents real estate developers with real estate acquisitions, divestitures, and condominium conversions, serving as an outside general counsel assisting with his clients' construction, development, and liability protection strategies.

A significant part of Tony's practice includes Illinois election law. He counsels local and state elected officials, their political committees and other political committees, including independent expenditure committees. In addition, he represents the political action committees of corporations, nonprofit corporations, all types of partnerships, associations, and other business entities.

Tony currently chairs Hinshaw's Commercial Transaction Practice Group and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. Before joining the firm in 2000, he served as deputy general counsel for the Illinois State Board of Elections and as an attorney with a Chicago law firm representing school districts, special education districts, other local governmental bodies, candidates, public officials, and political committees.

### Professional Affiliations

- Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois, Board Member
- Chicago Bar Association
  - Election Law Committee

### Practices

Business & Commercial Transactions  
Business Formation  
Corporate Transparency Act Compliance  
Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs)  
Law Firm Mergers & Combinations  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Privacy, Security & Artificial Intelligence  
Private Equity  
Real Estate & Lending  
Securities  
Transactional Insurance

### Industries

Banking & Finance  
Gaming  
Alarm & Security

### Education

LL.M., Taxation and Employee Benefits, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, 2003

J.D., University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, 1998

- Student Publications Editor, *UIC Law Review* (formerly *John Marshall Law Review*)
- Moot Court Team

B.A., Northern Illinois University, 1994

### Admissions

Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois



- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
  - Regulatory/Transactional Focus Group Membership Initiative
- Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)
  - Business and Securities Law Section Council, Former Chairman
- Institute of Illinois Business Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Board Member
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Investment Committee, Member of Board of Trustees

## Presentations

Tony has given numerous presentations to help inform clients and advance legal developments in his areas of practice.

Representative presentations include:

- Co-Presenter, "Emerging Developments in Data Privacy," CLE Program, Advocates Society, Chicago, Illinois, March 21, 2024
- Co-Presenter, "ESOP Family Feud," ESOP Association, Illinois Chapter – 2024 Spring Conference, Oak Brook, Illinois, March 7, 2024
- "Structuring M&A and Private Equity Transactions Involving ESOPs," Strafford Publications, CLE Webinar, February 7, 2024
- Co-Presenter, "Emerging Developments in Data Privacy," McHenry County Bar Association, Webinar, October 24, 2023
- Co-Presenter, "ESOP Jeopardy!," ESOP Association Midwest Regional Conference, Bloomington, Minnesota, September 22, 2023
- Panelist, "You Get What You Give: Negotiating the Deal," AM & AA Virtual Summer Conference, August 6, 2020
- "Asset Purchase Agreements," Complex Commercial Contracts: The Legal Principles You Need to Know for Effective Drafting, Madison, Wisconsin, January 13, 2017

## Publications

Tony is the author of numerous articles, handbooks, and publications on the topics of commercial and business transactions.

A selection of his publications include:

- Chapters 1 and 7, IICLE's *Business Law: Choice of Entity 2024 Edition* (Prior Edition 2020)
- Chapter 1, "Considerations in Electing S Corporation Status," IICLE's *S Corporations 2022 Edition* (Prior Edition 2018)
- Chapter 2, "Introduction to and Background of Illinois Limited Liability Companies," IICLE's *Limited Liability Companies 2022 Edition* (Prior Edition 2018, Chapter 1)
- Chapter 7, "State Campaign Financial Disclosure," IICLE's *Election Law 2016 Edition*

## Community/Civic Activities

- [Gilda's Club Chicago](#), Associate Board
- Served as *pro bono* counsel for an economic and family development council in the West Humboldt Park area of Chicago and still provides *pro bono* legal services to many local school district educational foundations
- County of DeKalb
- County Board Commissioner, Past
- Forest Preserve Commissioner, Past



- Board of Education for the Skokie-Morton Grove School District No. 69, Past Board Member