



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 regulatory issues.

Matt assists clients with corporate formation and governance issues; securities offerings for closely held businesses; commercial contracts, including purchase agreements, sales and distribution contracts, and lending instruments; and general outside counsel services, particularly on compliance issues and regulatory considerations for food, beverage, and emerging cannabis businesses in Minnesota. Prior to his entrepreneurial journey, Matt served as an assistant attorney general for the state of Minnesota. He earned his J.D. from the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Outside the office, Matt is an avid guitar player and outdoor enthusiast who can often be found poolside 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 2022-2025
- Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild: Former Board Member
- Coalition 9: Member

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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Minnesota Business and Commercial Law*, chapter co-author, LexisNexis, 2025
- Featured in "Breaking the Ice: Attorney taps brewery experience in practice," *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2025