

# Rachel D. Sterbenz

## Shareholder

Rachel advises clients on a wide range of corporate matters, including business formation and governance, mergers and acquisitions, contract drafting, real estate transactions, franchise matters, sweepstakes and promotions, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property issues. She offers practical, business-minded guidance with a clear understanding of her clients' strategic goals.

**Rachel takes extra steps to ensure client satisfaction.** She loves learning about new industries and finding creative solutions through prompt and friendly service. Rachel finds great satisfaction in helping clients achieve their business goals and conquer their business challenges. Her experience representing buyers, sellers, investors, franchisees, franchisors, and other key stakeholders equips her with a well-rounded perspective on complex transactions. She is skilled at guiding clients of all experience levels to move through unfamiliar processes with clarity and confidence.

Clients appreciate Rachel's steady, solution-oriented approach and her commitment to anticipating needs before they arise. She is known for being responsive, thoughtful, and deeply invested in her clients' success, providing both legal insight and practical perspective during pivotal business transitions.

Rachel is motivated by the opportunity to help people achieve meaningful business milestones. She takes pride in being a trusted partner during moments of growth, transition, or change, offering the support and problem-solving needed to achieve successful outcomes for her clients.

As a law student, Rachel was a Managing Editor for *The Urban Lawyer* national law journal, a Teaching Assistant for the Legal Research and Writing Department, and a mentor for the Student Bar Association. She also interned for the Executive Director of Legal Aid of Western Missouri and served on the Executive Board of the Association for Women Law Students.

Before law school, Rachel worked in the events industry planning conferences and trade shows at Nth Degree, Inc. in Boston, MA. When not practicing law, you will likely find Rachel spoiling her two rescue schnauzers, galivanting around Kansas City, or attending a baseball game with family and friends.

## Professional Affiliations

- Association for Women Lawyers
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA)
  - KCMBA DEI Collaborative



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## Education

University of Missouri –  
 Kansas City, J.D., 2016, Cum  
 Laude

University of Missouri –  
 Kansas City, M.B.A., 2018

Northeastern University, B.A.,  
 2010, Suma Cum Laude

## Admissions

Missouri, 2016

## Services

[Corporate Law](#)

[Intellectual Property](#)

[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

[Franchise Law](#)

[Equipment Dealers](#)

[Real Estate Law](#)

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- The Missouri Bar
  - UMKC Law Alumni Association, Past Board Member

## Community Involvement

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Lifetime Girl Scout
- National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, Board of Directors and Secretary

## Awards

- Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars, Business/Corporate, 2023-2025