



# Richard L. Verkler

COUNSEL

Richard Verkler counsels clients in a broad range of industries and activities, at all stages of development, and in all aspects of their operations.



## Industries

[Nonprofits & Associations](#)  
[Private Companies](#)

## Practices

[Corporate & Securities](#)  
[Environmental, Social & Governance \(ESG\)](#)  
[Privacy, Data Protection & Data Security](#)  
[Tax](#)

## Education

University of Wisconsin Law School, JD, Knapp Scholar; Articles Editor, Wisconsin Law Review; Order of the Coif, 1962  
University of Illinois, BS, Illinois State Scholar, 1959

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Dick oversees all aspects of his clients' legal work by using a multi-disciplinary team approach to coordinate legal services from the many practice areas of the firm.

His extensive background and experience in representing both for-profit businesses and not-for-profit organizations enables Dick to counsel his clients on the legal challenges they must address in every aspect of their operations.

Dick has functioned as a member of the board of directors for a number of his clients. He is adept at serving as outside general counsel to business owners and senior executives of both emerging and established business organizations.

## Client Work

Dick's extensive experience as corporate counsel includes the following:

- Advising members of senior management and boards of directors on corporate governance, operational policies and procedures, risk management, business ethics and internal controls, internal investigations, and regulatory compliance.
- Negotiating and documenting complex domestic and international transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and other contractual arrangements.
- Advising clients on the state and federal tax implications of their operations and representing them in contested tax matters.
- Working with members of ArentFox Schiff's Private Clients Trusts and Estates Group to advise owners of multi-generational family businesses on complicated matters relating to the tax-efficient transition of ownership and control.
- Working with members of ArentFox Schiff's Employee Benefits Group to develop, design, and implement qualified and non-qualified executive compensation and benefit plans.
- Working with members of ArentFox Schiff's Environmental Group to develop, design, and

implement product sales and facility compliance programs.

- Counseling clients on litigation avoidance and in conjunction with ArentFox Schiff's litigators, participating in all forms of dispute resolution.

## **Boards, Memberships & Certifications**

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- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Lawyers Club of Chicago

## **Publications, Presentations & Recognitions**

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### **Publications**

Dick has co-authored publications and made presentations on the sale, merger and acquisition of closely held businesses, corporate and tax compliance matters, partnership matters, and succession planning for professional practices.

### **Presentations**

Dick has lectured widely to business and professional groups on a variety of topics.

## **Bar Admissions**

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[Illinois](#)

## **Court Admissions**

[US Supreme Court](#)

[US Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit](#)

[US District Court, Northern District of Illinois](#)

[US Tax Court](#)