



Jennifer Lawry Adams

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Jennifer Lawry Adams is an experienced attorney who concentrates her practice on corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, long-term care and advising her clients on a variety of general corporate law matters. She also serves as outside general counsel for a number of closely held businesses.

Jennifer puts the focus squarely on her clients, relying on years of experience and a willingness to understand the strategic goals of the individuals and businesses she serves to find creative legal solutions that are practical and impactful. Clients in the health care, automotive, and other industries routinely put their trust in Jennifer because of her dedication to client service.

Prior to joining the firm, Jennifer spent over 28 years at an Am Law 200 firm.

Education

- Georgetown University (B.A., 1992)
 - English Language and Literature
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1996)

Admissions

- Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- Leadership Cleveland, Class of 2017
- Cleveland Bridge Builders, Class of 2005
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association

Services & Industries

- Business
- Health Care
- Health Care Transactions
- Long-Term Care & Senior Housing
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Securities & Capital Markets

Awards & Honors

- The *Best Lawyers in America*®, Health Care Law, 2024-2026; Corporate Law, 2025-2026
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, The Community Commitment Honor Society, 2024
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*, 2023-2026
- *Crain's Cleveland Business*, Notable Women in Law, 2018
- Ohio State Bar Foundation, District Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under Recipient, 2007
- YMCA Woman of Professional Excellence Award, 2005
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Cleveland's Finest Award, 2000

Community Involvement

- Shaker Schools Foundation, Member Board of Trustees, 2020-present (Member Finance Committee and Co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee)
- High School Classroom Volunteer, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association The 3Rs – Rights Responsibilities, and Realities Program, 2006-present
- Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Program Interviewer, 1996-present
- Family Connections Board President, 2014-2016; Board Member, 2009-2021; Member, Development Committee, 2009-2021; Chair Development Committee, 2010-2013
- Catholic Charities Corporation, Board Member, 2008-2010; Member Marketing Sub-Committee, 2008-2010

Key Matters

- Considerable experience in the representation of public and privately held corporations and other entities in formations, mergers, acquisitions, securities offerings, general business and commercial law matters.
- Experienced in the negotiation and documentation of the sale and purchase of businesses, both through asset purchase and share purchase agreements.
- Experienced in the counseling of start-up, emerging and closely held businesses, including preparation and review of business plans, organization and strategic planning.
- Experienced in the negotiation and drafting of employment, non-competitions, consulting, shareholder/close corporation, limited liability, distributorship and other agreements.
- Experienced in the negotiation and documentation of commercial loans, representing both borrowers and lenders.
- Experienced in federal and state securities issues and compliance.
- Involved in the preparation of Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Act pre-merger notification filings.