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EDUCATION

University of Baltimore School of Law
Juris Doctor Magna Cum Laude 1993
• *University of Baltimore Law Review*

University of Richmond
Bachelor of Science Cum Laude 1985
• *Business Administration*

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland, 1993
Supreme Court of the United States, 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

4/2025 to Present *Corey Tepe, LLC*
Of Counsel practicing in the fields of business law, intellectual property and advertising law, including mergers and acquisitions, business transactions and agreements; clearance, protection, registration and licensing of trademarks and copyrights; clearance and protection of advertisements; and the prosecution and defense of intellectual property litigation matters, including trademark and trade dress infringement, copyright infringement, unfair competition and opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

2/2022 to
4/2025 *Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP*
Partner practicing in the fields of business law, intellectual property and advertising law, including mergers and acquisitions, business transactions and agreements; clearance, protection, registration and licensing of trademarks and copyrights; clearance and protection of advertisements; and the prosecution and defense of intellectual property litigation matters, including trademark and trade dress infringement, copyright infringement, unfair competition and opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

1997 to 2022 *Astrachan Gunst Thomas, P.C.*

Co-Owner practicing in the fields of business law, intellectual property and advertising law, including mergers and acquisitions, business transactions and agreements; clearance, protection, registration and licensing of trademarks and copyrights; clearance and protection of advertisements; and the prosecution and defense of intellectual property litigation matters, including trademark and trade dress infringement, copyright infringement, unfair competition, trade secret misappropriation and opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

1994 – 1997

Weiner Astrachan Gunst Hillman & Allen, P.C.

Associate practicing in the fields of business law, intellectual property law, and advertising law.

1993 – 1994

Hazel & Thomas, P.C.

Associate practicing in the field of general commercial litigation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-author of the legal treatise *The Law of Advertising and Mass Communications*, published by Matthew Bender - Lexis/Nexis

Chair, *Intellectual Property Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.*, 2008-2009

Board Member and Co-Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee, American Advertising Federation of Baltimore, 2022- 2023

Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation, 2009

General Counsel, Intelligence and National Security Alliance, Inc. (INSA), 2006 – 1/2025

General Counsel, National Sheriffs' Association, 7/2020 – 1/2025

Speaker on business, intellectual property and advertising law issues for advertising clubs, corporate counsel groups, trade associations, bar associations and other organizations.

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Daily Record – Named to the 2025 Business Law Power List

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating

Chambers USA, Intellectual Property (Maryland), Ranked Band 2, 2022 – 2024

Best Lawyers in America

- Baltimore Lawyer of the Year for Trademark Law (2017, 2019, 2023)
- Baltimore Lawyer of the Year for Copyright Law (2021, 2023)
- Trademark Law (2015 – 2025)
- Copyright Law (2015 – 2025)

Maryland Super Lawyers

- Intellectual Property (2007 – 2025)
- Business/Corporate (2007 – 2025)
- Intellectual Property Litigation (2007 – 2025)

SmartCEO Bravo! Women in Business Achievement Award (2008)

Legal Elite, SmartCEO Magazine (2007)

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Represented an optical manufacturing company in the sale of its business to a private equity firm.

Represented purchaser in the acquisition of an assisted living and Alzheimer's/dementia care facility in Maryland.

Represented a seller of security and cybersecurity solutions in the sale of its business by merger.

Represented owner of professional design services firm in his retirement and disengagement from the firm.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Geovantage, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in the divestiture and sale of its Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance business.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Ponte Technologies, LLC.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Milestone Intelligence Group, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Holding Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring the assets of NetClarity, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring I.D.E.A.L. Technology Corporation.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring SenSage, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Poole & Associates, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Flight Landata, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Forbes Analytic Software, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring JKA Technologies, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Holding Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Everest Technology Solutions, Inc.

Represented The KEYW Holding Corporation, a national security solutions provider for the intelligence, cyber and counterterrorism communities, in acquiring Sycamore.US, Inc.

Represented seller in an asset sale of a Maryland technology company.

Represented multiple purchasers in their acquisition of advertising agencies.

Represented seller in an asset sale of an event planning and rental business.

Represented a magazine publishing company in the sale of its business.

Represented a travel data research company in the sale of its business.

Represented purchasers in acquiring the stock of an orthotics and prosthetics company.

Represented sellers in an asset sale of a Maryland landscaping company.

Represented a number of independent service station dealers in real property acquisitions from Southside Oil, LLC.

Represented seller in the sale of its business assets, and acquisition of an ownership interest in the buyer in the civil engineering, landscape architecture and surveying industries.

Represented Aquatic Ventures, LLC, a business venture between Michael Phelps and Bob Bowman, in negotiating, documenting and closing a Lease and License to Operate the Meadowbrook Swim Club in Baltimore, Maryland.

Represented Gallagher & Associates, L.L.C., a professional design services firm, in the purchase and sale of commercial real estate.

Represented Gallagher & Associates, L.L.C., a professional design services firm, in negotiating and documenting an international joint venture to promote, identify and develop opportunities to secure museum, visitor, science center and exhibit design and development projects in Asia and the Middle East.

Represented Imperial Stone Paving, Inc. (a stone and concrete paving installation business) and its sole stockholder in the sale of their business under an asset purchase agreement and purchase and sale agreement for personal goodwill.

Represented a seller and its sole stockholder in the sale of a skilled nursing facility in Maryland, including the real property and substantially all of the assets of the facility.

Represented sellers in the sale of four skilled nursing facilities in Maryland, including real property and substantially all of the assets of the facilities.

Represented purchasers in the acquisition of four assisted living and Alzheimer's/dementia care facilities in Maryland.

Represented Essex Corporation, a technology company focused on the government intelligence industry, in acquiring The Windermere Group LLC for more than \$69 million dollars.

Represented Applied Signal and Image Technology, Inc., an engineering and technology company specializing in signal processing systems, in the sale of its business to L-3 Communications Corporation, a publicly traded company providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, secure communications systems, aircraft modernization, training and other services to U.S. government defense and intelligence agencies, contractors and other companies.

Represented the stockholders of Curtis Engine & Equipment Company, Inc., a provider of generators, power solutions equipment and engineering services, in a multi-million dollar sale of the business.

Represented Chodak, Inc., a publisher of genealogical reference books, in negotiating and closing a multi-million dollar content license agreement.

Represented a psychologist in connection with his purchase of a 50% ownership interest in a psychology practice and the purchase and lease of real property to the practice.

Represented New Millennium Eyewear Group, Inc., a wholesale distributor of eyewear products, in concluding trademark license and distribution agreements.

Represented corporation in the consolidation and merger of multiple affiliated entities.

Represented a number of senior level executives in concluding business separation agreements with their former employers.

Represented employers and employees in the negotiation of executive employment agreements.

Represented business owners in succession planning.

Represented a healthcare and medical device company in the negotiation of worldwide trademark consent and coexistence agreements.

CASES

Acme Pad Corp v. Warm Products, Inc., Case No.: S98-2830 (D. Md.). (Represented Plaintiff /Counter-Defendant in case involving trademark and trade dress infringement, false advertising and unfair competition.)

Applied Signal & Image Technology, Inc. v. Harlesville Mutual Insurance Co., Case No.: CCB02CV1944 (D. Md.) (Represented Plaintiff in case involving breach of insurance contract.)

Bareco, Inc. v. Bare Necessities, Ltd., Case No.: 00CIV.5464 (SDNY) (Represented Defendant in case involving trademark infringement and unfair competition.)

Jean-Claude Cesar v. Raymond Geddes & Company, Inc., Case No.: CV 02 0685 (EDNY). (Represented Defendant in case involving copyright infringement.)

Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates v. Repik, et al., Case No.: 99-CV-1 (M.D. Pa.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving copyright infringement.)

Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates v. Teknology-Laine, L.L.C., et al., Case No.: 6:99-1676-24 (D. S.C. Greenville Div.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving trademark infringement.)

First Action Security Team, Inc. v. Ross Security Systems, Inc., Case No.: 1:15-cv-01743 (D. Md.). (Represented Plaintiff in a breach of contract and declaratory judgment action regarding trademark ownership.)

James W. Gonos t/a American Security Educators v. National Sheriffs' Association, Case No. 98-912-A (E.D. Va.). (Represented Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff in case involving trademark infringement and unfair competition.)

GrandBanks Yachts Pte Ltd., et al. v. Oviatt Marine, Inc., et al., Case No.: 01-7813 (SD Fl.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving trademark infringement and unfair competition.)

Joseph M. Hejl, Jr. v. Applied Signal and Image Technology, Inc. et al., Case No. C-2001-72790-OC (Circuit Court Anne Arundel County, Maryland). (Represented Defendant in case involving a shareholder dispute.)

IOMAXIS, LLC v. Nicholas Hurysh, Jr. and Hillcrest Farm, LLC, Case No. 8:20-cv-3612-PJM (D.Md.) (Trade Secret, representing the Defendant)

LabWare, Inc. v. InnaPhase Corporation, Case No.: 03-6199 (E.D. Pa.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving false advertising.)

LabWare, Inc. v. Thermo Labsystems, Inc., Case No.: 04-CV-2545 (E.D. Pa.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving false advertising.)

Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Creative Management, Inc., et al., Case No. 03-CV-4844 (D. N.J.) (Represented Defendant in case alleging trademark counterfeiting and infringement, dilution and unfair competition.)

National Sheriffs' Association v. International Printers d/b/a National Neighborhood Watch Institute and George L. Grossman, Case No.: 98-275-A (E.D. Va.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving trademark infringement, unfair competition, false advertising and deceptive trade practice.)

Performance Technology Group, Inc. v. SupplyForce (Represented Claimant in arbitration involving breach of contract.)

Phillips v. Kidsoft, L.L.C., Case No.: CCB-96-3827 (D. Md.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving internet, copyright and trademark infringement.)

Rose Art Industries, Inc. v. Raymond Geddes and Co., 31 F. Supp. 2d 367 (D.N.J. 1998), rev'd, 235 F.3d 165 (3d Cir. 2000). (Represented Defendant in case alleging trade dress infringement and trade secret misappropriation.)

Sande Reisett v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Case No.: 1:13-cv-01860 (D.Md.). (Represented Plaintiff in declaratory judgment action involving ownership of trademarks and copyrights.)

Sandler v. Lifetime Books, Inc., Civil Action No.: MJG-96-4078 (D. Md.). (Represented Plaintiff in case involving copyright and trademark infringement.)

Starad, Inc. v. Inge-Glas GMBH & Co. KG, et al, Case No.: 01CV8828 (SDNY). (Represented Defendant in case alleging trademark infringement.)

Stone Care International, Inc. v. PMC Stonecare Enterprises, Inc., et al, Case No.: 03-CV-2521 (D. Md.) (Represented Plaintiff in case involving trade dress infringement.)

Teal Bay Alliances, LLC v. Southbound One, Inc., Case No.: 1:13-cv-02180 (D. Md.) (Represented Defendant in case involving trademark infringement and unfair competition.)

OPPOSITION/CANCELLATION PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE TTAB

SunMed Growers, LLC v. Sunflora, Inc., Opposition No. 91287305 (TTAB). (Represent Opposer in trademark opposition action) (pending)

SunMed Growers, LLC v. Sunflora, Inc., Opposition No. 91281606 (TTAB). (Represent Opposer in trademark opposition action) (pending)

Olive Grove Catering, Inc. v. The Black Olive Corporation, Opposition No. 91277379 (TTAB). (Represented Opposer in trademark opposition action and concurrent use proceeding)

Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Baltimore Festival of Arts, Inc., Opposition No. 91282683 (TTAB). (Represented Opposer in trademark opposition action.)

Applera Corporation v. Alpha Genesis, LLC - Opposition No. 91153994 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in trademark opposition action)

Chicago Cubs Baseball Club, LLC v. Warschawski Public Relations, Inc. -Opposition No. 91228016 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in trademark opposition action)

GrandBanks Yachts Pte Ltd. v. Old European Brewery Company - Opposition No. 118,303 (TTAB) (Represented Opposer in trademark opposition action)

Heroes, Inc. v. Hogs and Heroes Foundation - Opposition No. 91224481 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in defending against a trademark opposition action)

Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Sande Riesett -Opposition No. 91213310 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in defending against a trademark opposition action)

Partners HealthCare System, Inc. v. Pahrtners Deaf Services, LLC - Cancellation No. 92060388 (TTAB) (Represented Registrant in defending against a trademark cancellation proceeding)

Pelikan Technologies, Inv. v. The Johns Hopkins University - Cancellation No. 92040705 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in defending against a trademark cancellation action)

Primary Investments Group Limited v. Ayeasta, LLC dba Biovi, LLC-Opposition No. 91222224 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in defending against a trademark opposition action)

Reed Elsevier Properties Inc. v. Hexis Cyber Solutions, Inc. - Opposition No. 91216786 (TTAB) (Represented Applicant in defending against a trademark opposition action)

United States Surgical Corporation v. Abbott Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. - Opposition No. 91171428 (TTAB) (Represented Opposer in trademark opposition action)

United States Surgical Corporation v. Linvatec Corporation - Opposition No. 91162613 (TTAB) (Represented Opposer in trademark opposition action)

Paramount Pictures Corporation v. The Gunfather LLC - Opposition No. 91231477 (Represented Applicant in defending against a trademark opposition action)