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**OVERVIEW**

Mason chairs the firm's Transactional Department and is a member of the firm's Management Team and Policy Committee.

Mason is a partner in the firm's Corporate practice. His practice focuses on the representation of public and private companies in connection with mergers and acquisitions and security offerings. He is a 1995 graduate of Tulane University School of Law where he was on the *Tulane Law Review* and received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina. A member of the American, Virginia, and Richmond Bar Associations, Mason also served as a law clerk for the late Honorable Robert R. Merhige, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representation of TXNM Energy, Inc. in connection with \$11.5 billion sale to Blackstone Infrastructure and related \$400 million PIPE.
- Representation of Norfolk Southern Railway Company in connection with multiple transactions involving the acquisition and sale of rail line assets.
- Representation of private equity fund Arcapita in connection with the acquisition of Precision NDT.
- Representation of Dominion Energy, Inc. in connection with numerous acquisitions related to the development of merchant solar portfolio.
- Representation of American Tire Distributors in the sale of a Canadian subsidiary to Groupe Touchette.
- Outside counsel to independent directors of Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc.
- Represented Dominion Energy, Inc. in \$1.5 billion sale of interest in Blue Racer Midstream joint venture to First Reserve.
- Represented The Brink's Company in \$520 million acquisition of Dunbar Armored, Inc.
- Represented Lumos Networks Corp. in connection with \$950 million sale to EQT Infrastructure Fund.
- Represented Union Bankshares Corp. in connection with \$700 million acquisition of Xenith Bankshares, Inc.
- Represented Windstream Holdings, Inc. in connection with \$227 million acquisition of Broadview Networks Holdings, Inc.

- Represented Access National Corporation in connection with \$233 million acquisition of Middleburg Financial Corporation.
- Represented StellarOne Corporation in connection with \$445 million merger with Union First Market Bankshares Corporation.

AWARDS

- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer (2021-2025) – independently rated lawyers
- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Corporate Law (2018-2026), Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions (2024-2026), Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2024-2025)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers* (2012-2015)
- *Virginia Business* Legal Elite in Business Law (2013)
- *Legal 500 United States*: M&A/Corporate and Commercial: M&A: Middle-Market (Sub-\$500M) (2022-2025); Corporate (2015-2016)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Board of Visitors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- Richmond Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Tulane University Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, 1995, *Tulane Law Review*
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Robert R. Merhige, Jr.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "Troutman Pepper, Alston & Bird, Nelson Mullins Rise in M&A Rankings," *Daily Report*, July 10, 2024.