



# Joe W. Brammer

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### Practice Areas

Private Equity & Venture

Corporate Law

QSBS & Tax Planning  
Services

Venture

### Bar Memberships

Ohio

Joe focuses his practice on the needs of startups, venture capital and private equity funds, emerging companies and established businesses. He provides counsel on a variety of matters with a particular focus on seed and priced round financings, fund formation, and debt finance transactions, in addition to general corporate needs. Prior to attending law school, Joe spent 5 years as a commercial lender and credit analyst for several community banks in the Greater Cincinnati area. Joe is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and remains active in the veteran community, assisting veteran founders form, scale, and navigate the traditional venture-backed and lifestyle business pathways with a perspective unique in the legal community.

## Other Info About Joe

### Work History

Provided legal counsel to several global banks and private equity funds in a variety of fund finance and NAV facility transactions. Served as counsel to several venture-backed companies through formation and seed and priced-round financings. Assisted with the formation of three investment funds focusing on early-stage companies as well as mature-businesses and real estate holdings. Lead counsel to community bank in connection with the structuring, negotiation and documentation of construction financing for a ski resort.

### Experience

Convinced premier VC firm to drop requirement for opinion of Company counsel in \$2.5MM early-stage VC financing where Term Sheet specifically required otherwise.

## **Education**

University of Cincinnati, J.D. 2019 *cum laude*

The Ohio State University, B.A. in English, 2011 *cum laude*

## **Recognition**

Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* – Venture Capital, 2026–2027

## **Civic Activities**

Treasurer and Director of Wesley Chapel Mission Center

## **Major Publications**

["Three Critical Legal Mistakes Startup Founders Can't Afford to Make,"](#) *The Licensing Journal*, pub. by Wolters Kluwer, Jan. 2026

["Challenge Accepted: A Reconsideration of Regulatory Takings Jurisprudence Under the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment,"](#) *University of Cincinnati Law Review*, Vol. 86, no. 4, Dec. 2018

## **Featured Articles**

[Three Critical Legal Mistakes Startup Founders Can't Afford to Make](#)

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