Joe W. Brammer

Managing Associate

jbrammer@fbtgibbons.com | 513.651.6894

Great American Tower
301 East Fourth Street, Suite 3300
Cincinnati, OH 45202

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

© 2026 FBT Gibbons LLP. May be considered attorney advertising in some jurisdictions.