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**Industries**

Consumable Goods

Energy

Industrials

Manufacturing

Mobility

Oil, Gas & Minerals

Utilities

**Practice Areas**

Commercial Finance

Corporate Law

Equine

Mergers & Acquisitions

Real Estate

**Bar Memberships**

Kentucky

Jeff has been an attorney practicing corporate law with FBT Gibbons since 1997. He has assisted public and private clients in the structuring, negotiation and documentation of numerous mergers and acquisitions and related financings. Jeff has worked with companies in various industries including: coal mining, electric utility, renewable energy, automotive, equine, information services, hemp production, construction, banking, medical device, restaurant, ISP, website design, real estate, and general manufacturing. Jeff also represents owners, landlords, tenants and borrowers in the purchase, sale, leasing and financing of commercial and industrial real estate.

Representative clients include Ross Harris Group, Tim Short Auto Group, Rhino Energy, Tempur Sealy, Big Ass Fans and East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

## Other Info About Jeff

### Experience

Represent developer of first commercial scale solar wind farm in Kentucky

Represent landowner in development of 100 MW solar farm in East Kentucky

15 separate acquisitions of automobile dealerships in four states

Acquiring, leasing and subleasing multiple locations for use as automobile dealerships

$1.2 billion financing in connection with a coal mining company's emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy

$875 million credit facility for a Kentucky-based coal mining company

$600 million acquisition of Kentucky and West Virginia coal mining operations

$47 million acquisition of a coal company

$350 million merger of an international manufacturing company

A series of acquisitions of various coal mining companies ranging from $15 million to $100 million

$15 million acquisition of coal reserves

$100 million disposition of an international company based in the U.S. and operating in 15 foreign jurisdictions

$350 million debtor-in-possession credit facility for a coal mining company

$200 million senior secured bond offering

$650 million tender offer for a publicly traded coal mining company

$115 million credit facility for an international manufacturing company

$96 million acquisition of seven coal terminals and coal reserves and operations in three states

$30 million acquisition of U.S., U.K. and Canadian divisions of a valve manufacturing company

Acquisition of a downtown Lexington office building

Various workout-related negotiations for shopping centers located in central Kentucky

**Education**

University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D., 1995, *magna cum laude*
Order of the Coif

*Kentucky Law Journal*
Honor Committee

University of Kentucky, M.B.A., 1995
Beta Gamma Sigma

University of Virginia, B.S., 1992

## Recognition

*The Best Lawyers in America®:* Corporate 2026-2027; Real Estate 2026-2027; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2027

## Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Kentucky Bar Association

Fayette County Bar Association

## Civic Activities

Leadership Lexington

First Presbyterian Church, Elder and Deacon

The Lexington School, Alumni Board of Directors

University of Virginia Alumni of Central Kentucky, Board of Directors

## Firm Committees

Recruiting Committee, former member

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