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Frank focuses his practice on a range of corporate and commercial transactions, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions and financing transactions.

He has advised corporations and limited liability companies and their ownership groups in structuring and negotiating stock and asset acquisitions and dispositions and in a variety of commercial and corporate matters, including reorganizations, organizational matters, shareholder and operating agreements, joint ventures, corporate governance and general business and contractual matters.

He has represented commercial lending institutions and borrowers in a variety of financing transactions. Frank has also advised corporations and governmental bodies on economic incentive matters, particularly negotiated fee-in-lieu of tax transactions.

Frank previously served as Managing Partner of the firm's Greenville office.

Services

- Corporate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Financial Services Industry
- Public Finance

Before Fox Rothschild

Frank was a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined in 2018 with Fox Rothschild.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Frank is an active member of his community. Past leadership positions include chair of the Upstate and Central South Carolina Regional Selection Committee for the Jefferson Scholars Program of the University of Virginia Alumni Association, chair of the Christ Church Endowment Corporation, board member of the Christ Church Episcopal School Alumni Association and board member of the Greenville Country Club.

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina

Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1990)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Order of the Wig and Robe
- University of Virginia (B.S., 1987)
 - Commerce (Finance)
 - Jefferson Scholar

Firm Committees

Frank is a member of the Executive Committee of Fox Rothschild.

Honors & Awards

- Recognized in the *Chambers USA* Guide for Corporate/M&A in South Carolina (2014-2025)
- Named a "Top Lawyer" by *Talk-Greenville* (2025)
- Named to the "Lawyer of the Year" list for Corporate Governance Law (2018, 2020, 2022) and Corporate Compliance Law (2024) in South Carolina by *Best Lawyers*
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Corporate Law (2010-2026), Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2011-2026), Corporate Compliance Law (2013-2026) and Corporate Governance Law (2013-2026) in Greenville, SC by *Best Lawyers*
- Recognized among the "Legal Elite" for Corporate Law – Business Organizations (2013-2015, 2019-2025), Corporate Law – Mergers & Acquisitions (2014, 2016-2023, 2025), Banking & Finance (2021) and Corporate Investigations (2021-2022) by *Greenville Business Magazine*
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

News

August 1, 2025

Legal Elite 2025

June 5, 2025

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Nationwide Selected to 2025 Chambers USA List

August 19, 2024

Legal Elite 2024

June 6, 2024

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Nationwide Selected to 2024 Chambers USA List

August 17, 2023

More Than 300 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2024 List of Best Lawyers in America

August 4, 2023

2023 Legal Elite

June 1, 2023

Fox Attorneys Nationwide Selected to 2023 Chambers USA List

August 2, 2022
2022 Legal Elite

June 1, 2022
Fox Attorneys Nationwide Selected to the 2022 Chambers USA List

August 20, 2021
More Than 200 Fox Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers

May 20, 2021
Chambers Selects Fox Attorneys Nationwide to Its Annual List

August 20, 2020
More Than 200 Fox Attorneys Selected to the List of "Best Lawyers in America"

August 11, 2020
2020 Legal Elite

March 11, 2020
Chambers Selects 84 Fox Attorneys to Its Annual List

September 18, 2019
Fox Team Facilitates \$2.8 Billion Merger of Respected, Virginia-Based Community Banks

September 16, 2019
Fox Team Facilitates \$2.8 Billion Merger of Respected, Virginia-Based Community Banks

September 11, 2019
First Community Bankshares, Inc. Announces Signing of Definitive Merger Agreement with Highlands Bankshares, Inc.

August 15, 2019
176 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2020 List of Best Lawyers in America

June 9, 2019
C-Suite

April 1, 2019
Similar Philosophies And Cultures Make Smith Moore Leatherwood And Fox Rothschild An Ideal Fit

February 14, 2019
Chambers and Partners Selects 80 Fox Attorneys in the 2019 Guides