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Bio

Samuel C. Blink is a member of DarrowEverett's Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Corporate & Business Transactions Practice Groups. Sam defends businesses and their owners, directors and officers in governmental investigations and related enforcement actions. He preserves his clients' reputations and resources while representing them through all stages of disputes, from pre-litigation investigations through trial and appeal. Sam focuses this part of his practice on environmental, consumer protection and securities investigations. Sam also routinely guides companies in various corporate and commercial transactions, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, asset sales, capital raises and corporate governance matters. He represents businesses in connection with complex contract negotiations, including SaaS agreements, complex commercial real estate agreements, licensing agreements, distribution agreements, independent contractor and employment agreements, and technology agreements.

Practice Areas

Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Corporate & Business Transactions
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Environmental
- Private Equity, Capital Markets & Securities

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DarrowEverett, Sam was a partner for a highly regarded boutique firm in the Nashville area, where he was a member of its corporate and business transactions and commercial real estate practice groups. Sam also has experience working in the litigation department of one of the largest health insurance companies in the U.S. and working for the Indiana Supreme Court.

Representative Matters

- Served as general counsel for multistate travel industry business, covering commercial real estate matters, private equity structuring, regulatory and compliance, corporate governance, consumer contracts, litigation, and labor and employment law.
- Successfully defended real estate portfolio investor in a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation appeal involving alleged release of contaminants on a property and alleged failure to follow the department's records and reporting protocols.
- Served as general counsel for one of the Nashville area's top general contractors specializing in large multifamily and single-family housing developments, assisting with extensive due diligence analysis, title and survey reviewing, rezoning applications, environmental and regulatory compliance, lending and finance, corporate governance matters, and litigation.
- Pursued claims on behalf of our client against unlicensed building contractor and negotiated six-figure settlement at mediation.
- Represented minority owner in one of Tennessee's fastest-growing cannabis companies that
 was sued by another member of the company following a buyout attempt. We settled the
 case where our client bought out the other owners and secured a six-figure discount on the
 purchase price offered before litigation.

Insights

- <u>Lessons From the License to Drive (and Protect) Sports Illustrated via JD Supra, April, 2024</u>
- The Ripple Effect: SEC's Battle Vs. Crypto Gains Some Clarity via JD Supra, July, 2023
- Don't Let Bad Indemnity Provisions Become Your Environmental Disaster via JD Supra, April, 2023

Media Appearances

• DE Insights Take 2: Samuel C. Blink on Environmental Indemnity Provisions (May 2023)

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

Education

- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., summa cum laude
- Ferris State University, B.S.