



David Greber
Principal, Frederick Office

PRACTICE AREAS

- Privacy and Data Protection
- New Paradigm Counsel®
- Intellectual Property
- Estate Planning
- Commercial Litigation
- Business Law And Transactions
- Business Formation And Governance
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

- J.D., Northwestern University, 1984
- M.B.A. (Finance Concentration), Northwestern University, 1984
- B.A. (English Major, with Distinction), University of Virginia, 1980
- Maryland
- Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Maryland
- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Maryland
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court, Western District of Virginia

PRACTICE FOCUS

Mr. Greber's extensive business law experience includes representation of companies and corporations in all stages of their business life-cycle, from initial founding, through growth and expansion, to sale. His intellectual property law background includes the registration and protection of copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. Mr. Greber's estate planning experience includes drafting complex trusts and wills, powers of attorney, advanced directives, and living wills.

Following are more specific examples of the types of legal work Mr. Greber does and the kinds of clients he typically represents.

BUSINESS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Since the adoption of the federal "check the box" rules governing taxation of limited liability companies, most of the companies Mr. Greber has helped form have been LLCs. He has often worked with his clients and their CPAs to analyze whether the business being formed would best be taxed as a partnership, S Corporation, C Corporation, or disregarded entity. Mr. Greber has drafted numerous limited liability company operating agreements, particularly for companies taxed as partnerships, with a variety of governance, distribution, and buy-back provisions.

Mr. Greber advises clients concerning their company governance obligations under applicable statutes and ownership agreements. He has helped clients draft private placement memoranda for use in raising money by sales of securities to accredited investors under Rule 506 of federal Regulation D.

Mr. Greber has also negotiated and drafted a wide variety of corporate contracts, including distribution and research cooperation agreements between American and foreign entities, joint venture agreements, and license agreements. He has assisted clients in buying and selling businesses using both asset purchase and ownership purchase agreements.

Within his intellectual property practice focus, Mr. Greber has extensive experience in providing both transactional and litigation representation of scientists, software companies, architects, artists, home builders, and other intellectual-property-oriented businesses. He has represented software developers in licensing and sub-licensing their software and in contracting to develop or customize software, negotiated contracts for the development of bio-technology products, and helped his clients to protect their intellectual property by drafting non-disclosure and employment agreements. He has assisted clients in registering their copyright and trademark interests. Mr. Greber has also drafted website terms of use and privacy policies.

Mr. Greber's federal trademark law experience includes comprehensive trademark search analysis, responding to and overcoming Trademark Examining Attorney objections to registration, negotiating trademark coexistence agreements with potential opposers, representation before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and filing Declarations of Use and Incontestability.

PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION LAW

Mr. Greber is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), the largest and most comprehensive global information privacy community. The IAPP developed and launched the only globally-recognized credentialing programs in information privacy. Mr. Greber holds the CIPP/US certification (Certified Information Privacy Professional / US concentration). He advises clients on how to comply with federal and state privacy laws governing the collection, use, retention, disclosure, and destruction of personal information from customers.

ESTATE PLANNING

Mr. Greber's approach to estate planning is to first listen closely to his clients' hopes, dreams, and concerns, and then design an estate plan that fits their circumstances. Basically, this usually entails helping his clients to:

1. Remain independent and self-sufficient while they are alive and well;
2. Implement planning that assists them in the event of their mental incapacity; and
3. Upon death, gives what they have, to whom they want, the way and when they want, while saving all possible attorneys' fees, court costs, and taxes.

ACTIVITIES

- Member, Judicial Nominating Commission for the 10th District of Maryland (Appointed by Governor Larry Hogan)
- Court-Appointed Mediator, Frederick County Circuit Court, for both Non-Domestic and Domestic Cases
- Mediation Trainer, Frederick County Bar Association
- Member, Rotary Club of Carroll Creek