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Practice Focus

Corporate Governance

Corporate Law

Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities, Private Equity and Venture Capital

About

Maureen Brennan Gershanik practices primarily in the areas of corporate law and governance, securities law, and mergers and acquisitions. She also advises clients on ESG initiatives.

“[Maureen] continues to exceed our every expectation! As busy she is, she always provides you with her full attention and has an uncanny ability to explain very complex matters in a way that is easily understood.” —Corporate/M&A Client, *Chambers and Partners*

Maureen has an active business transactional and advisory practice. She works with clients on public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, acquisition transactions, restructuring transactions, business separations, new business formations, and other transactions. She also advises a range of public companies and private businesses and counsels boards of directors on corporate governance, securities law compliance, SEC reporting, executive employment matters, and executive compensation.

Maureen has been recognized since 2013 as a leading lawyer in Corporate/M&A practice by Chambers and Partners. Chambers notes that clients consider Maureen's understanding of corporate governance "invaluable." She is also known to be "a talented, insightful, and dedicated attorney who reflects most positively on the legal profession."

Additionally, Maureen is active in business law reform efforts in Louisiana and nationally. She is an appointed member of the [Corporate Laws Committee of the American Bar Association](#), which oversees and continually revises the ABA's Model Business Corporation Act, one of the most significant responsibilities of the ABA's Business Law Section. She is also a member of the Corporations Committee of the [Louisiana State Law Institute](#), which was responsible for the comprehensive revision of the state's corporation statute that took effect in 2015, and is currently re-drafting the Louisiana limited liability company statute.

Maureen is a past chairperson and council member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Section on Corporate and Business Law. She has been a speaker on securities and corporation law at legal seminars and graduate schools, and she serves as co-instructor of the Corporate Governance mini-course at Tulane University Law School. She is a board member of the [National Council of Jewish Women – Greater New Orleans](#) and also serves on the [Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana](#) Board of Directors. She is a former member of the Board of Trustees at Touro Synagogue (New Orleans). Maureen is co-leader of the Fishman Haygood Women's Group, and she serves on the Advisory Committee for the [Greater New Orleans Foundation's Impact 100](#) women's giving initiative.

Experience

- Represents public companies, including [Sanderson Farms, Inc.](#) prior to its acquisition, in securities law matters, such as periodic SEC reporting, corporate governance, executive compensation and general counseling of the board of directors.
- Advising a board of directors on corporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) and sustainability matters and investor messaging on ESG and sustainability efforts.
- Represented Sanderson Farms, Inc. in its \$120 million secondary offering of common stock and other public companies in shelf registrations.
- Represents public and private businesses in a range of industries in merger and acquisition transactions, including representation of a public company buyer in a recent stock acquisition of an exploration and production company.
- Represents registered broker-dealer firm in FINRA and other compliance matters.
- Represents private businesses in capital raising transactions, including private placements of equity and debt securities.
- Advises privately-held profit and non-profit corporations and LLCs on state corporate and LLC law matters, including fiduciary duties of directors and governance.
- Advises clients generally on federal and state securities law compliance, including securities offering, broker-dealer and investment adviser compliance, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Recognitions

- **Chambers USA: Band 2**, Corporate/M&A, *since 2013*
- **Legal 500: New Orleans Elite**, Band 1, Corporate and M&A, 2026
- **The Best Lawyers in America®**: Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation, *since 2020*
- **Best Lawyers®: "Lawyer of the Year,"** Corporate Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law, New Orleans, 2026
- **Best Lawyers®: "Lawyer of the Year,"** Securities Regulation, New Orleans, 2025
- **New Orleans Magazine: Top Women in Law**, Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2025-2026
- **Inside New Orleans: Readers' Favorite Elite Lawyers**, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2025
- **New Orleans Magazine: Top Lawyers**, Mergers & Acquisition, Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2021-2025
- **Best Lawyers®: "Lawyer of the Year,"** Mergers and Acquisitions Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law, New Orleans, 2023
- **New Orleans CityBusiness: Leadership in Law Honoree**, 2022
- **Super Lawyers: Securities & Corporate Finance, Business & Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions**, 2022-2023
- **Best Lawyers®: "Lawyer of the Year,"** Securities/Capital Markets Law, New Orleans, 2021

Media

Publications

Presentations

- Author, "**More Than a Buzzword: ESG's Rightful Place in the Boardroom**," Best Lawyers® Corporate Law & Commercial Litigation Legal Guide, June 19, 2023.
- Author, "**How to Avoid Securities Pitfalls in the Opportunity Zone Program**," 33 No. 6 REAL PROP. TR. & EST. Prob. & Prop. 56, Nov./Dec. 2019)
- Panelist, "75 Years Young: The Model Business Corporation Act and Its Relevance for Corporate Law Today," ABA Business Law Fall Meeting, Sept. 19, 2025.
- Panelist, "Tips for Assessing and Serving on a Non-Profit Board," Junior League of New Orleans Get on Board seminar, Oct. 5, 2024.
- Panelist, "Activism and ESG Considerations in Today's World," 35th Annual Tulane Corporate Law Institute, March 24, 2023.
- Panelist, "ESG Considerations in Dealmaking," 34th Annual Tulane Corporate Law Institute, March 17, 2022.

Credentials

Education

Clerkships

Admissions

- J.D., *Class Valedictorian*, from Louisiana State University, 2000
 - Editor-in-Chief of the Louisiana Law Review
 - Order of the Coif
- B.S.F.S., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University, 1992
- Clerk to the Honorable John M. Duhé, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2000-2001
- Louisiana
- Texas

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