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BIOGRAPHY

Walter M. Ebel III concentrates his practice in the area of mergers and acquisitions, assisting clients from diverse industries in complex business transactions. Skip advises clients on every phase of merger and acquisitions transactions, from initial confidentiality agreements and letters of intent, to negotiation and drafting of the merger and acquisition agreement, through the closing of the transaction. Skip has an LL.M in Taxation from New York University and his practice also includes income tax law. In addition, he is general counsel for Oaklawn Jockey Club, a horse racing and gaming facility in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Clients also rely on him for legislative drafting and governmental regulatory representation.

In recognition of his experience and capabilities, Skip was named *The Best Lawyers in America* Lawyer of the Year in Corporate Law in 2005, 2009, 2019 and 2021 and in Mergers and Acquisitions Law in 2016 and 2014. He is also listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers* for Corporate Law and Corporate Finance. *Chambers* is noted for the quality and rigor of its research into the top ranked firms and lawyers. It notes,

"One source labels him 'the pinnacle of M&A attorneys in the state,' while others note that his 'analysis is spot on.'

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, LL.M., Tax, 1984
- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., With *High Honors*, 1983
  - Order of the Coif, Chancellors
- University of Arkansas, B.S.B.A., With High Honors, 1980
  - Beta Alpha Psi

NOTEWORTHY

- Blue Key Honorary Fraternity
- Certified Public Accountant (Inactive Status), State of Arkansas
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 1995
  - Corporate Law
  - Mergers & Acquisitions
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law

Practice Areas

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Business, Corporate & Commercial
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Tax
- Government Relations, Lobbying & Regulatory
- State & Local Tax
- Tax Controversies

Industries

- Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Banking & Finance
- Construction & Real Estate
- Gaming & Horse Racing
- Healthcare, Medical & Pharmaceutical
- Insurance
- Manufacturing & Industrial
- Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Transportation & Logistics
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications (TMT)
- Retail, Franchise & Consumer Products

    - Tax Law
    - Named “Lawyer of the Year”
        - Tax Law, 2025
        - Corporate Law, Little Rock, 2009, 2015, 2019, 2021 and 2025
        - Mergers and Acquisitions, Little Rock, 2014 and 2016

- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*
    - Corporate/Commercial
    - Corporate/Commercial: Tax
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected to the *Mid-South Super Lawyers* List, since 2006
- Voted by the readers of *AY Magazine* for inclusion in the “Best Lawyers in Arkansas,” Tax Law, 2018

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Arkansas Neurosurgery Brain and Spine Clinic
- Baxley Equipment Company
- Cell Marque Corporation
- Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Hot Springs
- Dillard’s, Inc.
- Hickingbotham Companies
- Horton Drywall Company
- IK Electric Company
- McLarty Companies
- Nabholz Construction Corp.
- Oaklawn Jockey Club
- Riceland Seed Company
- Sutherland Lumber Company
- USA/Super D Drugs

ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Access Group, Inc., Board Member
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inactive
- Beta Gamma Sigma
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Phi Delta Phi
- Pulaski County Bar Association

ADMISSIONS

- Arkansas, 1983

RECOGNITION

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2027
RECOGNIZED BY
Best Lawyers

Chambers
TOP RANKED
USA
2026

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LAWYER
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