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Stanley Johnston is a seasoned business and tax attorney at Lewis Rice who advises closely held companies, entrepreneurs, and nonprofit organizations on corporate governance, transactions, and long-term planning.

Stanley served as Chairperson of the Business, Tax, and Estate Planning Department at the Lewis Rice Kansas City office from 2001 to 2017. With nearly four decades of experience, Stan represents closely held businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofit entities in matters involving corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, business representation, corporate tax, business contracts, family succession, and exit strategies.

Drawing on his background in business tax law, Stan provides practical guidance to clients navigating the legal challenges of growth, transition, and compliance. His approach emphasizes thoughtful planning and tailored solutions to meet the evolving needs of today's companies.

Stan is AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® from 2021 to 2026. He was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law in 2023 by *Best Lawyers*.

Education

- University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law (LL.M., 1987)
 - Taxation
- Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D., 1980)
 - *Southwestern Law Review*
- Southern Methodist University (B.A., 1977)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Legal Background

- Adjunct Professor, corporate taxation and taxation of Subchapter S Corporations, University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law (1988-1998)

Services

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Strategies
- Taxation
- Lending & Finance
- Information Technology
- Securities, Capital Markets & Investments

- Member, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC (1987-1998)
- Associate, Stuart Johnston and Associates (1985-1987)
- Associate, Brown, Koralchik & Fingersh (1981-1985)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Diversity Committee, 2011-2013; Audit Committee, 2011-present; CLE Advisory Committee, 2005-2007; Chairman, Business Law Committee, 2002-2003)

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar
- Texas Bar

Representative Transactions

- Assisted ProPharma Group, Inc. in undergoing a major corporate reorganization including an infusion of venture capital funds from Jump Capital, a new line of credit with JPMorgan Chase, and the acquisition of a UK company, Professional Information Limited
- Corporate counsel for numerous non-profit organizations including Kansas City Streetcar Authority and Raised with Love and Limits Foundation
- Assisted German conglomerate Keller & Kalmbach GmbH in its United States expansion through the acquisition of Infinity Fasteners Inc.
- Assisted a major manufacturing company in engaging in a tax-free spin-off where a retail sales division was spun off from an industry specific manufacturing and wholesale division