



Timothy E. Kastner

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Timothy Kastner advises businesses across industries on complex transactions and regulatory matters, combining legal insight with financial acumen to support growth and operational success.

Tim serves as a trusted business advisor to clients ranging from family-owned enterprises to multinational corporations. With more than 35 years of experience, Tim maintains a broad transactional practice that spans industries including aerospace and defense, alcoholic beverage production and distribution, banking, emerging growth companies, and manufacturing.

Tim provides practical legal counsel informed by market awareness and a strong foundation in business and finance. As a certified public accountant, he is well-positioned to advise clients on both legal and financial considerations. His work includes structuring, negotiating, and documenting complex acquisitions, product distribution agreements, and other contractual arrangements, both domestically and internationally.

A significant portion of Tim's practice involves sale and acquisition transactions, particularly those involving alcoholic beverage wholesalers and other regulated industries. He regularly represents borrowers and creditors in secured financing and restructuring matters, including acquisition financing, syndicated and subordinated credit facilities, and intercreditor relationships.

Tim also advises clients on corporate formation, structuring, commercial contracts, import/export issues, regulatory compliance, and day-to-day business operations. He serves as primary legal counsel and de facto general counsel to many of his clients, providing ongoing guidance to manufacturers and distributors on all aspects of their business.

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1988)
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Illinois College of Commerce and Business Administration (B.S., *highest distinction*, 1985)

Services

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Alcohol Distribution
- Banking & Financial
- Corporate Strategies

- Accounting

Professional Accolades

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers®* (2021-2026) – as selected by his professional peers

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Illinois State Bar Association
- National Beer Wholesalers Association

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

Civic Activities

- Former Board member, Family Hospice

Additional Certifications

- Certified public accountant, Illinois

Prior Legal Positions

- Gundlach, Lee, Eggman, Boyle & Roessler (1988-1991) - Litigation Associate

Case Studies

A Creative Approach

Greg represented the owner of 17 gas stations and convenience stores located in Western New York who had reached an agreement in principle to sell his business to a strategic competitor. The sticking point, however, was that the terms of the client's real estate financing prohibited an early prepayment of the debt, which made a sale of the land underlying the stores impossible. Working with the client's accountants and financial advisors, Greg and his partner, Tim Kastner, devised a structure whereby the client transferred title to all of the personal property and fixtures of the company and leased the real estate to the buyer with an option to purchase the land at an agreed upon price after the repayment of the loan.