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**EDUCATION** J.D. William & Mary

Evans "Buddy" King concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, with an emphasis in media acquisitions and energy matters. His practice also includes documentation and structuring of commercial loans, workouts and commercial collections. Mr. King's experience includes serving as lead counsel in numerous mergers and acquisitions and commercial lending transactions involving numerous multi-million dollar acquisitions and sales and credit facilities. He serves as General Counsel to the firm and on several of its major committees.

**REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Lead counsel in purchase of over 20 daily newspapers and countless weekly/shopper publications and radio stations

Lead counsel in numerous financings, both for lenders and borrowers, ranging in size from a few hundred thousand dollars to mid 9 figure range

Handled numerous purchases and sales of producing coal properties and/or coal reserves and oil and gas properties as well as financings relating to such types of assets primarily in the Appalachian region of the United States

Assisted clients in all phases of acquisition of existing destination resorts

Assisted with land acquisition for hotel developers

Regularly drafted contracts for hospitality and resort clients across a wide range of business activities

General counsel for a newspaper publisher advising on First Amendment and intellectual property matters

Represented the majority owner of a major league baseball franchise in various aspects of ownership interest and shareholder matters

Represented a government contracting business in the sale of the company in a multi-million dollar transaction

Handled purchases and sales of many small and medium-sized and family-owned businesses

Represented the purchaser in a multi-million dollar merger transaction in which the client acquired the

number one rated mountain resort in the mid-Atlantic region

Represented major ski resort in the purchase of the assets of a state park ski area and the negotiation of a lease agreement with the state to allow the park to reopen

Served as lead counsel for a major North American coal company in connection with a divestiture project involving properties in several eastern and western states and in Canada

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

1980                      Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Mr. King has been a featured speaker at West Virginia CLE seminars concerning bankruptcy and banking matters, as well as numerous industry seminars on oil and gas financings and commercial workouts presented to clients.

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Peer Review Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell

Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business

The Best Lawyers in America®

Super Lawyers®, 2007, 2011

Fellow, West Virginia Bar Foundation, 2013

Past Member, Committee on Uniform Commercial Code, West Virginia State Bar

Past President, Harrison County Bar Association

### **INDUSTRY/CIVIC**

Board of Directors, Medbrook Children's Charity

Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Harrison County Chamber of Commerce

Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Clarksburg Mission, Inc.

Former Member, Board of Directors and Committee Chairman, Harrison County United Way

Past President, Clarksburg Kiwanis

Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Sacred Heart Children's Center