

# SHEEHAN PHINNEY

## Joseph A. DiBrigida

Shareholder | Manchester, NH

Joe's practice concentrates on all stages of business representation: formation, financing and capital-raising, day-to-day advising, contract formation and review, business planning, sales, acquisitions and mergers. He serves as outside general counsel to a variety of businesses and not-for-profit institutions in a wide range of industries. He has particular concentrations in the communications and broadcast industries, as well as family-owned businesses.

Joe was the President and Managing Director of the firm for 9 years and served on the firm's Management Committee from 2001 to 2015. As the officer responsible for running the firm, he has encountered many of the same issues faced by his clients in their businesses. His business experience, gained through fourteen years of firm management, coupled with his legal expertise, enables him to provide the practical advice clients value.

Joe has been with the firm since 1988.

### Key Cases

- Lead counsel in forming and negotiating the venture capital and senior debt financing of a radio station ownership group and the subsequent acquisition and eventual sale of over 40 radio stations.
- Lead counsel in the representation of shareholders in a \$40 million leveraged buyout.
- Serves as general outside counsel to companies and not-for-profit institutions in a variety of industries.
- Primary counsel to State of New Hampshire's community economic development authority.
- Lead counsel in acquisition of point-of-purchase media advertising business with national presence.
- Counseled numerous family owned businesses through successful ownership transitions in a variety of industries.

### Practice Areas

- Business Formation & Succession Planning
- Communication & Broadcasting
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Companies

### Admissions

- State of New Hampshire



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- Manchester Bar Association
- New Hampshire Bar Association

## Education

- J.D., Boston College Law School. Editor, Boston College Law Review
- B.A., Dartmouth College

## Civic Involvement

- Dartmouth Lawyers Association
- Chairman, NH Department of Justice Executive Branch Ethics Committee, having been appointed by Governor John Lynch
- Board of Directors, Directors of the Palace Theatre
- Board of Directors, New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits
- Dartmouth Lawyers Association
- Graduate of both Leadership Manchester and Leadership New Hampshire

## Awards

- 2002 Forty Under 40, New Hampshire Union Leader
- Chambers USA, Corporate/Commercial
- Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Manchester Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Law
- Best Lawyers in America®, Corporate Law
- New England Super Lawyer®, Business/Corporate Law

## Publications

- NH Legal Perspective: Planning to sell your most prized possession?