

# SHEEHAN PHINNEY

## Matt Benson

Shareholder | Manchester, NH

Previously with the firm Cook Little, Matt joined Sheehan Phinney in 2022 and currently serves as Chair of the firm's Corporate Group. He is a corporate attorney and advises his business clients on a variety of legal and business issues. Matt represents entrepreneurs of all types and at all stages of their businesses, from start-up to exit.

In his work with start-ups and other privately held companies, Matt has counseled his clients on a variety of corporate matters, including entity formation, obtaining angel round financing, venture capital or other debt and/or equity financing, executive and employee compensation, contract issues, equity ownership matters, and exit strategy issues. He also advises his technology-related companies on a wide range of matters specific to them, including software licensing, licensing of intellectual property, and website development matters.

Matt also advises doctors, dentists, and other healthcare professionals on a variety of matters, including ownership issues, the buying and selling of medical practices, and negotiating employment and other contracts with hospitals.

## Key Cases

- Assisted a rapidly growing software company to obtain several million dollars in equity financing from a major venture capital firm, and in subsequent bridge loan financing rounds.
- Counsel start-up companies seeking seed capital from angel investors, venture capitalists, and others, and provided advice on securities issues.
- Structured the sale of a dentist's practice to provide that the dentist was able to work with the prospective purchaser and provide an organized transition for the practice.
- Assisted in the sale of a company client to a large multinational publicly traded company.

## Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Business Formation & Succession Planning
- Commercial Contracts
- Data Privacy & Security
- Domain Names
- Internet Agreements
- License & Assignment Agreements
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Companies



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- Securities & Venture Capital
- Startups/BOOST
- Technology & Related Commercial Agreements

## Admissions

- State of New Hampshire
- New Hampshire Bar Association

## Education

- J.D., Boston College Law School
- M.B.A., Boston College Graduate Carroll School of Management
- B.S., Brandeis University

## Civic Involvement

- Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Tech Alliance (NHTA)
- Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Business Finance Authority
- Board of Directors of the National Finance Authority
- 2014 Graduate, Leadership New Hampshire

## Awards

- NH Magazine 2023 Top Lawyer, Corporate Law
- Martindale Hubbell, AV Peer Review Rated
- Chambers USA, Corporate/Commercial
- Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Manchester Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Law
- Best Lawyers of America®, Corporate Law, Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law, Technology Law

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## **Publications**

- Funding Your Startup and Beyond: Navigating the Capital Maze (webinar)
- Succession Planning: Prepare for the Curveballs (webinar)