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Kenneth (Ken) Johnson focuses on acquisitions, regulatory affairs, strategic joint ventures, and commercial transactions. He has experience developing organizational structures for regulated industries and aligning compliance obligations with access to capital. He represents institutional, industrial, and infrastructure clients in the energy, mobility, and manufacturing sectors. His representative experience includes multi-asset portfolios, campus-scale service agreements, and mission-critical technology and commercial facilities with specialized energy requirements. Much of his practice is centered on corporate structuring, energy industry transactions, and state regulatory frameworks.

Ken's enterprise perspective is shaped by his work as a founding member of the University of Michigan Health System Finance Development Program prior to law school, and he maintains active membership in the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Energy and Environment Committee. He is active in the Detroit Regional Chamber's MichAuto initiative and is a registered lobby agent in Michigan, engaging with policymakers and industry leaders on energy, manufacturing, and mobility topics.

Ken also counsels public benefit organizations and advises nonprofit clients in Detroit, across Michigan, and nationally on governance and strategic matters. Prior to joining Foley as a summer associate in 2018, he worked on bond issuances and real estate transactions for public schools and municipalities in Lansing.

Representative Experience

- Facilitating the equity sale of seven family-owned landfill gas-to-power facilities in Michigan and Kentucky to a publicly traded pipeline company for conversion to renewable natural gas (RNG) facilities.
- Representation of various solar development companies in project sales, of an energy cooperative in the asset sale of 2000+ MW of natural gas-fired power generation asset pursuant to a Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization and supporting the acquisition by an international trading company of domestic shipping and wood-pellet production facilities.

- Transactional support for leading manufacturers in the automotive, innovative technologies, waste, healthcare, and heavy-industry sectors, with an emphasis on transactions to acquire or divest from product lines, corporate reorganization, and entity dissolutions.
- Representations of leading cannabis producers in combinations, licensing compliance, and in negotiating joint-venture agreements with major vertically integrated industry participants.

Sectors

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Practice Areas

- [Capital Markets & Public Company Advisory](#)
- [Corporate](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Michigan Government Solutions](#)
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Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2018)
 - President, Real Estate Law Society, Entrepreneurship Law Association
 - Notes Editor, Michigan Business & Entrepreneurial Law Review
 - Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- University of Michigan Stephan M. Ross School of Business (B.B.A., with high distinction, 2013)
 - Carson Scholar

Admissions

- Michigan