

## **Charles A. Traughber**

Charles A. Traughber is the Associate General Counsel, Real Estate for Bridgestone Americas, Inc. He manages a team of attorneys and paralegals that assist Bridgestone with real estate, construction, and environmental matters for its North American operations consisting of approximately 3,000 owned and leased properties, including nearly 2,200 retail locations and various office, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities. Prior to joining Bridgestone, Charles was a Senior Associate General Counsel for LifePoint Health, Inc. where he assisted a Fortune 500 publicly-traded healthcare company with a variety of legal and business issues related to real estate assets for more than 70 hospitals in 22 states, including management of various aspects of a comprehensive asset management program providing lease administration and property management services. Charles began his legal career as an Associate Attorney for the Nashville-based law firm Waller.

Charles is a 2003 graduate of Tennessee State University. While at TSU, he was a Presidential Scholar and member of the Honors Program, Golden Key National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America/ΦΒΑ Business Fraternity Inc., and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Theta Chapter. In 2008, Charles graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville College of Law. While at UT Law, he received the Roy B.J. Campbell Leadership Award and served as the Black Law Student Association chapter secretary & Southern Region conference delegate, the Student Bar Association second-year representative and an Admissions Committee student member. He also participated in the American Bar Association Minority Judicial Clerkship Program and received Certificates of Excellence in Wealth Transfer Tax and Advanced Constitutional Law.

A lifelong Tennessean, Charles was born in Chattanooga and resides in Nashville with his lovely wife and beautiful daughter. He has participated in various volunteer activities in his community, including the following: on the Nashville steering committee for Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, which exposes high school students to the legal profession; on the advisory board for Youth About Business, which teaches high school students about corporations and mergers and acquisitions; on the board of the New Level Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit that provides affordable housing; by providing pro bono legal services through the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee; and by serving as a tutor for students with Preston Taylor Ministries.