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Tom Sherrard is a founding member of Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison. His legal practice includes mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, corporate and securities law and commercial law. He serves as general outside counsel for both public and private corporations and advises those clients on a broad range of corporate and securities law issues.

Mr. Sherrard received a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a J.D. in 1969 from the University of Florida, where he was elected to the *Order of the Coif* and served as editor-in-chief of the University of Florida Law Review.

Education

- J.D. (with honors), University of Florida, 1969
- B.A. (with distinction), Duke University, 1966

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee
- Georgia (inactive)

Practice Areas

- Business Formation
- Business Operations & Governance
- Business Transactions
- Corporate
- Securities
- Venture Capital

Selected Experience

- Served as general counsel to large hotel and entertainment corporation; addressed all corporate governance matters and led teams in acquisitions and dispositions of assets, structured financings and securities regulation compliance
- Served as outside corporate counsel to publicly-traded publishing corporation in connection with general corporate matters, securities regulation compliance and negotiation and consummation of going-private transaction
- Served as lead counsel in more than 50 M&A transactions over the past 20 years representing both purchasers and sellers
- Served as outside corporate counsel to the Nashville Predators
- Served as corporate counsel to numerous private companies
- Served as bond counsel and issuer's counsel on more than \$4 billion in taxable industrial revenue bond issues over the past 25 years

Honors

- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* 2006-2021 (Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers 2006-2020 (Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions)
- Nashville Business Journal Lifetime Achievement Honoree 2018
- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers 2009-2020 (Mergers and Acquisitions) (Tennessee Top 100, 2014, 2019) (Nashville Top 50, 2014, 2019)
- Nashville Business Journal Best of the Bar 2003-2009, 2011-2015 (Corporate and Securities)
- 2014 Nashvillian of the Year
- *Nashville Post's* 2014-17 "In Charge" Legal
- *Nashville Post's* 2010-2013 "In Charge" List of Community Leaders
- Business Tennessee Magazine Best Lawyers 2007-2010
- Business Tennessee Magazine 150 Best Lawyers 2005-2009
- The Best of the U.S. LLC 2006-2008 (Corporate)
- The Best Attorney's Network 2005-2008 (Corporate Law)
- *Nashville Post* 100 Best Lawyers in Nashville 2003 (Corporate Law)

Professional Activities

- Adjunct professor of law at Vanderbilt University Law School and at Owen Graduate School of Management
- Nashville Bar Association President
- Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow
- Member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Federal Securities Law
- Member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Commercial Law
- Member of the Tennessee Corporate Law Revision Commission
- Lecturer to professional groups in the areas of corporate and securities law
- Member of the Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations
- Inactive Member of the Georgia Bar Association
- Frequent presenter at programs for the Practising Law Institute

Civic Activities

- Chairman of the Nashville's Agenda Steering Committee
- Past Chairman (2004 – 2005) of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors
- Founding Chairman of Partnership 2020, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce's and community's economic development initiative
- Trustee and past President of Leadership Nashville
- Founding Chairman (2002 – 2006) of the Nashville Public Education Foundation
- Past Chairman (1999 – 2001) of the Center for Nonprofit Management Board of Directors
- Member of the YMCA Foundation Board of Directors
- Member of the Canby Robinson Foundation
- Past director of the Nashville Symphony Association, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, the Salvation Army, the Adventure Science Center, the Tennessee Repertory Theater, and the St. Thomas Foundation)