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Joel Weinstein is a member of Greenberg Glusker's Corporate practice and chairs the firm's Restaurant, Food & Beverage industry group.

Joel's hands-on experience and legal expertise enable him to handle the increasing complexities of today's transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, asset and stock sales, private debt and equity financings, license and distribution arrangements, and strategic alliances. He advises entrepreneurs and boards on business entity structures, corporate governance, director and manager responsibilities, and investor agreements.

Joel frequently applies his broad experience as "outside general counsel" for VC and PE-backed businesses. Joel has wide experience representing restaurants in the quick service, fast casual and white linen sectors, as well as celebrity chefs. He helps clients with all facets of operating their businesses, as well as with succession planning and tax planning for ownership transfers.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, [Los Angeles County Bar Association](#)
- Member, [Century City Bar Association](#)
- Member, [American Bar Association](#)
- Member, [ProVisors](#)

Awards

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024, 2027
- Listed, *Southern California Super Lawyers* in Mergers & Acquisitions, 2006, 2008–2015, 2022–2025
- Rated, "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5," Martindale Hubbell

Services

- Corporate Structuring & Operations
- Corporate
- Corporate Financing Transactions
- Joint Ventures & Strategic Alliances
- Licensing
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Financial Services
- Manufacturing & Distribution
- Restaurants

Bar Admissions

- California

Education

- Cornell University (J.D.)
 - University of Akron (B.A.)
 - Mathematics
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Experience

- Represented Cal Micro Recycling in its sale to Tide Rock Holdings
 - Represented Stix Holdings in acquisition of Pick Up Stix restaurants
 - Represented Hello Music, LLC in convertible debt and equity financings
 - Represented Lime Energy Co. in underwritten public offering of common stock, sale of subsidiary and line of credit facility
 - Represented clinical research facility in sale to private equity group
 - Represented laser eye surgery centers in sale to United Kingdom corporation
 - Represented Mandarin Holdings in obtaining a senior secured credit facility and in acquisition of the Leeann Chin restaurant group
 - Assisted selling shareholders to structure share buyback of minority interests in family-owned and other closely held businesses with annual revenue ranging from \$8 million to \$80 million; the successful processes involved business valuation experts and business consultants familiar with the dynamic of owners of closely held businesses
 - Counseled companies and investors regarding preferred stock and convertible debt financings
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Publications

April 15, 2025

Out with a Whimper: FinCEN Issues Interim Final Rule on Corporate Transparency Act, Narrows BOI Reporting Requirements

March 4, 2025

Corporate Transparency Act Back in Effect: Updated BOI Compliance Deadlines

December 6, 2024

Nationwide Injunction Halts Enforcement of the Corporate Transparency Act

September 16, 2024

Corporate Transparency Act: Reporting Deadline Approaching

February 5, 2024

The Corporate Transparency Act - Summary of Entity Reporting Obligations

December 27, 2023

Corporate Transparency Act: Action Plan for Upcoming Reporting Requirements

July 16, 2018

The Food and Beverage Industry in Los Angeles

Los Angeles Business Journal

July 17, 2017

The Food and Beverage Industry in Los Angeles, A Roundtable Discussion

Los Angeles Business Journal

August 12, 2014

Sterling Family Trust Completes \$2 Billion Sale of Los Angeles Clippers to Steve Ballmer

Greenberg Glusker Press Release

July 1, 2012

Greenberg Glusker Brings Brian Davidoff and Bankruptcy, Corporate Group on Board

Greenberg Glusker Press Release