

## Chad A. Johnson

**"I am a dealmaker, guiding my clients to their goals. It's tremendously helpful to have an attorney who has walked in your shoes. I started and grew a business from scratch, invested in real estate, and experienced the decisions and dedication to make those investments successful."**

Chad Johnson is a founding partner of Hellmuth & Johnson, and serves as the firm's Managing Partner. He founded Hellmuth & Johnson after just two years of practice, growing the firm on the strength of its loyal clients and experienced attorneys to become one of the 20 largest law firms in Minnesota.

Chad represents a broad range of businesses, corporations, limited liability entities and individuals in pursuit of their business, real estate and transaction goals. He primarily practices in the following areas:

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Business entity selection, formation and maintenance
- Shareholder matters, including buy-sell agreements
- Strategic business and corporate counseling
- Real estate development and construction
- Real estate transactions and leasing
- Banking, finance and workout
- Community associations

For 17 consecutive years (2001 - 2017), Chad has been named to the Minnesota *Super Lawyers*® list; only five percent of attorney in Minnesota are chosen each year. He is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Minnesota, and is a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association and the Real Property Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He holds certification as a MSBA Board Certified Real Property Law Specialist.

### **Experience**

Represented Minnesota-based trucking company in the sale of the company to a private equity investor.

Represented family-owned winery and event company in the sale of both the company and real estate to a private equity investor.

Represented restaurant company in the sale of a leasehold interest to a real estate developer in a seven-figure deal, the sale of a separate store location to a private equity investor and the acquisition of a new business venture.

Represents a start-up company that now generates more than \$40 million in revenue, advising its owner on a wide variety of business and personal legal matters.

Represents a start-up company that was named one of Minnesota's 50 fastest growing companies.

Represented several related Real Estate Investment Trusts in the sales of commercial building holdings.

Represented real estate developer in the acquisition of more than 100 acres of suburban real estate from multiple sellers for commercial development.

Represented New York company in the acquisitions, and subsequent sales, of several unfinished condominium projects in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan

area.