

Julie A. Sebastian

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Julie Sebastian has substantial experience in mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance. Julie regularly represents buyers and sellers in their extraordinary corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures. With a practical approach to find business-oriented solutions, Julie consistently leads her clients to successful closings without sacrificing legal protections. Julie understands the unique position of founders and corporate leaders undertaking a significant transaction and enjoys guiding her clients through the complexities of the deal lifecycle. Julie has helped buy and sell companies in a wide range of industries, including technology, personnel services, manufacturing, and financial services.

Julie has spent her entire 20+ year career at Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP and is the co-leader of its M&A Practice Group and is the Chair of its Inclusion Committee. Outside of the office, Julie is an avid sports fan and enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

My Practice

Corporate Law

Financing and Commercial Transactions

Mergers and Acquisitions

Sustainability

Technology

Private Equity and Venture Capital

Manufacturing

Health Care and Life Sciences

Manufacturing

Representative Matters

- Represented the Adecco Group, a global staffing company in the sale of a legal consulting business and various staffing businesses to both strategic and private equity buyers.
- Represented a publicly traded company in its acquisition of various entities providing human resources services.
- Represented a global steel manufacturer in the sale and acquisition of various entities and assets.
- Represented a foreign manufacturing entity in its acquisition of a US manufacturing entity to enhance its US manufacturing capacity.

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America®, Atlanta, Corporate Law (2023-2026)

Credentials

Education

J.D., University of Tennessee, magna cum laude

B.A., Hope College, magna cum laude

Admissions

- Georgia

News & Perspectives

PRESS RELEASE

Smith Gambrell Russell Advises the Brightly Network on Successful Sale
Partner Julie Sebastian Featured by Daily Report: Atlanta Law Firm Joins Mansfield Effort for More Leadership Diversity

FIRM NEWS

Julie Sebastian quoted in Daily Report article, "Atlanta Law Firm Joins Mansfield Effort for More Leadership Diversity" on October 8, 2024 (subscription may be required)

PRESS RELEASE

The Best Lawyers in America® Recognizes 105 SGR Attorneys in 2025 Edition

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SGR Partners Recognized in IFLR1000 Leading Lawyers for 2023

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

The Best Lawyers in America® Recognizes 102 SGR Attorneys in 2024 Edition

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Smith Gambrell Russell Partners Recognized in IFLR1000 Leading Lawyers for 2022

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Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 91 SGR Attorneys in 2023 Edition

[FIRM NEWS](#)

Tom Hong, Julie Sebastian, Harison Puder, Phillip Hoover, and Brandon Sherlinski mentioned for client representation in Global Legal Chronicle article, “Valmet’s Acquisition of Coldwater Seals” on March 12, 2022

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith Gambrell Russell Represents Client Valmet in Acquisition of Coldwater

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith Gambrell Russell Represents HESCO Supply in Sale to Winsupply

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith Gambrell Russell Represents The Adecco Group in Sale of Legal Solutions Business to Consilio

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Account Control Technology Holdings, Inc. in Sale to Transworld Systems Inc., Forming Largest Accounts Receivable Management Company in U.S.

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Partners Recognized in IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate and M&A Rankings for 2020

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Client, the Adecco Group, Completes \$612 Million Sale of Soliant Health to Olympus Partners

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Internet Provider GigaMonster in Significant Capital Raise through Majority Investment from Barings

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents The Adecco Group in Agreement to Sell Soliant Health to Olympus Partners for \$612 Million

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Republic National Distributing Co. in Joint Venture Partnership with Young’s Market Company

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Internet Provider GigaMonster in Acquisition of Amtech Communications

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Internet Provider Gigamonster in \$45 Million Capital Raise and Merger with Fibersphere Communications

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Partners Recognized IFLR1000 Elite Dealmakers for 2018

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents The Adecco Group in Sale of Remaining Interest in Beeline

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents the Adecco Group in Acquisition of BioBridges

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Adecco Group in Sale of OnForce to WorkMarket

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Client, Gerdau, in Sale of Atmosphere Annealing and NitroSteel to Z Capital

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Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents Adecco Group in Beeline Merger with IQNavigator

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell Represents SASCO Chemical Group, Inc. in Acquisition

[FIRM NEWS](#)

Attorneys Jay Schwartz, Michelle Edwards, Tom Rhodes, Phillip Hoover, Tom Hong, and Julie Sebastian were featured in the Daily Report on March 6, 2008 in the Deal Watch column. Their support of client Gerdau Ameristeel Corp. in its acquisition of Century Steel Inc. was featured.

[FIRM NEWS](#)

Attorneys Jay Schwartz, David Santi, Tom Hong, Michelle Edwards and Julie Sebastian were featured in the Daily Report on June 29, 2006 in the Deal Watch column. Their representation of the National Distributing Company in its merger with Republic Beverage Co. was highlighted.

[FIRM NEWS](#)

Attorneys Jay Schwartz, Tom Rhodes, Tom Hong, Phillip Hoover and Julie Sebastian were featured in the Daily Report on June 22, 2006 in the Deal Watch column. Their representation of Gerdau Ameristeel in its acquisition of Sheffield Steel was highlighted.

[FIRM NEWS](#)

Jay Schwartz was quoted and David Santi, David Burge and Phillip Hoover, Laura Andrew, Julie Sebastian, Kathryn Bongiovanni, Emily Cacioppo and Jessica Clay were recognized in the May 13 Daily Report "Deal Watch" section for their handling of Atlanta Equity's recent

acquisition of Richmond Cold Storage Company, Inc.

FIRM NEWS

→ The firm mentioned for three newly-elected Atlanta partners, **Eugene Bryant, Julie Sebastian** and **John Weeks IV** in the Daily Report “15 Firms Announce New Partners in Atlanta and Other Georgia Offices.”

FIRM NEWS

Smith, Gambrell, & Russell was mentioned in the Atlanta Business Chronicle “DealMakers” section regarding Gerdau Ameristeel’s \$165 million acquisition of TAMCO, a California-based mini-mill. The SGR team representing Gerdau included Jay Schwartz, Julie Sebastian, David Santi, Andy Fawbush, Lisa Carrasco, Matt Clarke, Phillip Hoover and Tom Hong.

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