

Charles J. Johnson

Overview

Following a thirty two year career as a business lawyer in Boston where he represented over 200 startup and emerging companies as well as venture capital and private equity firms, Charlie joined the full time faculty at the Isenberg School of Management - UMass Amherst in 2015 where he teaches courses on entrepreneurship and ethical decision-making. He also manages Maroon Ventures, \$5.9 million investment fund created by Chancellor Subbaswamy and Alumnus Paul Manning to invest in early stage companies linked to UMass Amherst.

Employment

Isenberg School of Management - UMass Amherst
Amherst, MA
Clinical Associate Professor – Management
September 2015 – present

Courses Taught:

Facing Dilemmas – Studies in Decision-Making SCHMGT 697 (MBA)
New Ventures MGMT 341
New Venture Financing MGMT 342
New Venture Organization and Growth MGMT 343
Survival Boot Camp (Freshman First Year Seminar)
Privacy in the Age of Surveillance (Honors College Discovery Seminar)

Recognition:

Recipient, College Outstanding Teaching Award, 2018-19
Finalist, Distinguished Teaching Award, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21

Service:

Managing Director and Member of Investment Committee of Maroon Venture Partners Fund I, LP, January 2017 – present
Chancellor's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Steering Committee, 2017-present
Lecturer, IALS programs on entrepreneurship for STEM faculty and students, 2017-present
Associate Director, Berthiaume Center for Entrepreneurship, September 2015-January 2017
Organizer and panelist, Isenberg Diversity & Inclusion Summit, October 2019, 2021
Mentor and advisor to numerous UMass Amherst startup companies

Choate, Hall & Stewart, Boston, MA
Partner, Chair of Business and Technology Practice, and Member of Executive
Committee
January 2003 – September 2015

Hill & Barlow, Boston, MA
Partner
May 2001 – January 2003

Finnegan, Hickey, Dinsmoor & Johnson, Boston, MA
Partner, January 1989 – May 2001
Associate, February 1986 – January 1989

Herrick & Smith, Boston, MA
Associate, January 1983 – February 1986

Current and prior service on Boards of Directors includes Special Olympics of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council, Chester Theatre Company as well as numerous public and private for-profit companies; Recognized in Best Lawyers in America, Legal 500, Massachusetts Superlawyers and Boston Magazine; Member of Massachusetts Bar.

Education

University of Virginia School of Law
J.D., 1982

Trinity College, Hartford, CT
B.A. (History), 1978