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Apps focuses his practice primarily in the areas of corporate law and emerging business, real estate, and global business. He joined Kegler Brown in 2015.

## Corporate Law + Emerging Business

Apps advises clients in the beginning stages of developing a business with matters such as tax structuring, economic incentives, company + fundraising structuring. He also helps well-established businesses with issues such as franchising, licensing agreements, and corporate governance.

Apps has extensive experience assisting restaurants and breweries by negotiating and drafting distribution agreements, as well as registering for and maintaining all necessary federal and state licenses and permits.

## Real Estate

Apps guides individual and corporate clients throughout the entire process of purchasing or selling affordable multifamily properties, providing counsel on all aspects of conventional, tax credit and HUD-insured financing and refinancing. He advises clients in the structuring and negotiation of new investments and other complex financings, such as projects involving public/private partnerships or mixed financing sources (conventional financing, tax credits and bonds).

## Global Business

Being dedicated to helping companies achieve business goals on an international level, Apps helps assist with companies based in the U.S. and abroad in acquiring and selling assets and business units internationally, helps assist businesses in complying with applicable domestic and foreign regulations that govern international trade and helps counsel our U.S. and global clients on joint ventures and strategic alliances across multiple industries.

Apps also works with our globalization of education team to assist public and private colleges and universities wanting to explore the global market or looking to expand their current international operations. This assistance includes addressing cultural implications, tax counseling, regulatory compliance and education funding issues and much more.

## Professional Affiliations

- + Columbus Bar Association, member

## Publications + Presentations

- + "Does the Trans-Pacific Partnership Increase Access for U.S. Businesses? The Answer is in the Details!" Kegler Brown Global Business News, October 8, 2015
- + "A New Look at Africa: Summit Opens Door for Increased Foreign Investment," Kegler Brown Global Business News, August 6, 2014
- + "Cyber Security Bill Potentially Opens the Door for More Foreign Direct Investment," Kegler Brown Global Business News, July 24, 2014

## Bar Admissions

- + Ohio

## Education

- + Capital University Law School (J.D., 2015)
- + The Ohio State University (B.S., 2005)

## Charitable + Civic Involvement

- + Capital University African American Law Alumni Association, board member
- + Columbus Center for Human Services, board member
- + Epanoe Nigeria Limited, board member
- + John Mercer Langston Bar Association, board member