



# Apps M. Akpofure

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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.

### Diversity + Inclusion

Apps leads the firm's Diversity + Inclusion efforts with co-chair Molly Werhan, with the mission of creating an environment that reflects the diversity of culture, thought, and background of the community in which we work and live. Kegler Brown strives to foster an inclusive culture where every person is empowered to freely share their ideas, experiences, and beliefs, and to make the firm a place where every member has a deep sense of pride, passion, and belonging.

### Professional Affiliations

- + Columbus Bar Association, member

### Special Honors

- + Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, 2021

### Charitable + Civic Involvement

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

### Bar Admissions

- + Ohio

### Education

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

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