



“We’re just starting our brewery. John gets it. He knows how hard we work and is right there to help us grow. I appreciate what John is willing to tell us when we don’t need to hire him!”

-26 Acres Brewing Company

## Attorney Profile



**Attorney John Szymankiewicz** is the founder of Beer Law Center® and the head of the corporate and business practice areas of Matheson and Associates, PLLC. John transitioned to an attorney after working as an engineer and project manager in the specialty chemicals and pharmaceuticals industry. Since graduating from North Carolina Central University School of Law, John’s practice has focused on alcohol law and regulation, corporate and contracts law, and advising small businesses. As a homebrewer for over 20 years, the move to practice alcohol law was a natural fit. John specializes in applying his comprehensive understanding of the craft alcohol industry to his growing practice. John is particularly passionate about how public policies can affect the craft beer industry.

John is a recognized expert in the field of alcohol law. But, more than just an attorney that works in the alcohol industry, John is a brewer with a passion for craft alcohol. He knows the difference between melomel and metheglin, cyser and cider, tequila and mezcal, helles and dortmunder. Don’t you want an attorney that’s as passionate about your industry and your business as you are? We are here to help you grow.



### Our Philosophy:

Since Beer Law Center has commenced, John has earned the *trust* and *respect* of our community’s entrepreneurs.

Most importantly, John’s practice emphasizes the development of *ongoing, continuous* relationships with his clients instead of being merely a supplier of services.

Beer Law Center is not just about beer; John focuses on a variety of alcohol-related legal issues, such as business law, corporate formation, contract law, intellectual property and trademark -all with a focus on the craft beverage industry.

### Licensed to Practice in:

- North Carolina state courts
- West Virginia state courts
- Virginia state courts
- Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina’s federal and bankruptcy courts
- United States Supreme Court

### Expertise:

John is a frequent speaker at industry events in NC and around the country on issues facing the small, craft alcohol producer. John is also frequently called upon to give Continuing Legal Education (CLE) classes on alcohol law – training *other lawyers* on the subject.

### Dedication:

Most other attorneys that practice alcohol law also practice other areas also, like real estate or business litigation. Beer Law Center is dedicated to the craft beverage industry. For us, this is not a side-line or an addition to our practice - it is our practice. Alcohol law. It’s all we do.

### We wrote the book:

Check out our book:  
Beer Law –  
What Brewers Need to Know  
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