



## Corporate and Business

Our corporate attorneys know the industries in which our business clients operate. Instead of offering legal advice in a vacuum, our lawyers efficiently deliver savvy business counsel.

Providing effective legal counsel to companies requires more than knowing the law. A skilled corporate attorney thinks like a business person and fully understands all aspects of the business side of the equation. This depth of knowledge facilitates the precise advice needed to solve any legal challenge faced by companies.

Our corporate attorneys put themselves in clients' shoes to effectively blend vital legal and business counsel. This has been our unwavering approach for over 100 years in offering practical, useful advice in sophisticated corporate matters.

**We understand the  
life cycle of  
businesses and can  
help you achieve  
your goals and fuel  
your success.**

We assist clients in the organization and structuring of businesses and joint ventures, as well as advising owners of privately held companies on all aspects of operations and strategic planning. Specific areas of expertise include:

- Mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and other business reorganizations, with a focus on closely-held and small- to mid-size growth businesses
- Corporate governance
- Contracts and licensing agreements
- Stockholder relations
- Employment matters, including executive compensation

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- Tax and succession planning
- Joint ventures and other strategic relationships
- Stockholder buyouts
- Financings, both secured and unsecured
- Entity formation and business planning

We have developed sub-specialties within corporate law. For example, several of our attorneys offer significant expertise in the hospitality and food service industries, both in franchised and independent operations. We routinely represent lenders and borrowers in private and institutional loan transactions, enabling us to counsel both lenders and borrowers in their corporate and business relationships. Our business lawyers understand the goals of lenders and borrowers, as well as the purposes of alternative capital structures. We are able to add significant value when assisting our clients with mergers and acquisitions, financing and sales.

Because of our substantial expertise in real estate law, employment law and litigation, we can assist our corporate and business clients with all their business and strategic planning needs. We offer Straight Talk without any disclaimers or hedges. Our business clients rely on us to provide a clear roadmap to solve their legal and business challenges.

## OUR PRACTICE AREAS:

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CONSTRUCTION AND SURETY LAW

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS

EMPLOYMENT LAW

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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