

Business, Corporate Finance, and Tax

Corporate Counseling

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Our corporate lawyers work proactively to protect clients' interests and position them for success. To provide efficient, meaningful and practical advice, we first seek to understand a client's business objectives, the environment in which it operates and the challenges it faces. In today's global economy and ever-increasing regulatory environment, anticipating clients' needs is more important than ever.

Advising both U.S. and international clients across jurisdictions and industry sectors, our corporate lawyers provide comprehensive legal services, including

- ▶ Business formation and organization
- ▶ Commercial and secured transactions
- ▶ Executive contracts, compensation and liability
- ▶ Joint ventures and strategic alliances
- ▶ Noncompetition and nondisclosure agreements
- ▶ Regulatory compliance
- ▶ Reorganizations, dissolutions and liquidations
- ▶ Shareholder rights
- ▶ Protection and licensing of trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property

Given the increasing emphasis on corporate governance, every corporation needs to review its corporate structure and make the changes needed to comply with its responsibilities. This review requires close attention to a variety of conduct and activities, everything from board oversight, to financial disclosures, to fiduciary obligations, to corporate social responsibility, to Sarbanes-Oxley requirements. We provide strategic guidance on these and other corporate governance issues to corporate management, boards of directors, board committees and shareholders. We focus on assessing clients' obligations and preventing violation of these obligations, as well as avoiding other legal problems that could adversely affect business operations or shareholder value.

Additionally, because of our extensive regulatory experience, we are well-equipped to serve the governance needs of companies in such regulated industries as transportation, financial services, healthcare, clinical laboratories and telecommunications.