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Practice Emphasis

Business Law	Mergers & Acquisitions
Real Estate Law	Business Planning & Transactions

About George

George Cowan is Of Counsel to the firm. He has been a business transactional attorney for more than 40 years. He serves as external general counsel to numerous clients, and offers all clients a broad-based business practice, strategic advice, and counsel in matters including transactions, corporate finance, real estate, succession and exit planning, mergers and acquisitions, contracts, and general business.

External General Counsel Representation

George serves as external general counsel for dozens of businesses, providing solutions to allow clients to fully realize business opportunities and to respond to legal matters.

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Business Purchases and Sales

George has represented many clients in mergers, acquisitions, and other significant transactions. In these matters, he advises and assists with due diligence, acquisition financing, liability avoidance, and related matters.

Real Estate

In his real estate practice, George represents buyers, sellers, landlords, tenants, property managers, commercial brokers, developers, lenders, contractors, owners, and other real estate industry participants. He assists and represents clients in matters involving a wide variety of real estate transactions, including entity formation, development, and financing. In forming entities for real estate purposes, he helps clients in entity selection, tax related issues, and shareholder/owner agreements.

Succession and Exit Planning

George has helped numerous business owners develop tax-advantaged strategies in helping to structure the transfer of their businesses to the next generation. He has also helped founders and owners plan for other business exits, which can involve sales to unrelated third parties or to employees.

General Business Representation

George's general business practice involves advising clients in a broad range of business matters, including contracts, licenses, employment matters, executive compensation (including deferred compensation, option, and other incentive programs), shareholder and partner agreements and disputes, stock and asset purchases, loans and financing, and commercial transactions. He helps businesses further their objectives, and proactively assists clients with identifying and minimizing legal risks.

Education

- > J.D., Seattle University, 1978
- > M.B.A., Pacific Lutheran University, 1975
- > B.A., University of Washington 1973

Bar Admissions

- > Washington
- > California
- > Oregon
- > Washington State CPA