



Corporate & Business Law

From incorporation to wind-up, Pretzel & Stouffer serves as a trusted counselor during every stage of the business life cycle. Our attorneys have advised our clients—ranging from Fortune 500 multinationals to closely-held businesses—on virtually all corporate and business law issues.

Unlike other firms, we have a unique perspective on corporate management and other business law matters. That perspective comes from our extensive litigation experience and involves an emphasis on full-scale risk assessment when advising our clients on a particular course of action.

Our attorneys are well-versed in establishing corporations and limited liability companies as well as partnerships. We regularly draft contracts and standard business forms, policies and procedures for clients as well as review their insurance policies, leases and other corporate documents to keep them apprised of the potential risks.

We frequently handle buy-sell agreements, succession planning, mergers and acquisitions as well as the legal due diligence process included therein, and we also provide corporate counseling for officers, directors, and managers, including during dissolutions and shareholder disputes.

Our attorneys are highly regarded in the legal community as authorities in the field of employee management, including drafting confidentiality agreements, employment contracts and non-compete agreements. We have secured numerous temporary restraining orders and injunctions to enforce these provisions. We have also negotiated severance agreements between management and employees in high and mid-level management positions as well as defended and prosecuted wrongful termination claims. Further, we regularly provide advice and assist clients with unemployment and workers' compensation claims.

Our practice in this area also extends to health care, particularly on matters related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, medical service provider agreements and medical confidentiality agreements.

We are sensitive and efficient in matters relating to liquidations and corporate restructurings, and we work with clients to mitigate liability while retaining the most value for shareholders and members. We are also adept at helping clients plan for predictable and orderly business successions, especially companies with complex and multilayered ownership arrangements.

Our corporate and business law practice is full-service. Clients repeatedly engage us for their business needs because we deliver consistent, efficient and quality results.