



D. Sean Velarde

Biography

Mr. Velarde has developed a diverse practice, concentrating on business planning and transactions, where he provides corporate counsel advice to individuals and businesses in business transactions, including contract negotiations and preparation, registration and management of trademarks and copyrights, protection of trade secrets, employment and consulting contracts, buy-sell agreements, licensing issues, and tax planning. He also has substantial experience in litigating complex business cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He frequently assists his clients in the legal aspects of creating and expanding their businesses as well as buying, selling, and reorganizing businesses through mergers. Mr. Velarde has significant experience in creating C- and S-corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships. Mr. Velarde also has created an OCC compliant bank subsidiary to a nationally chartered bank and advised the bank's officers on regulatory OCC compliance matters.

Mr. Velarde is a member of the American Bar Association (Litigation and Intellectual Property sections) and of the Faculty of Federal Advocates, and a Fellow with the Colorado Bar Foundation. He also is a past member of the board of directors of the Colorado Lawyers Committee (1996-1998) and of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. Mr. Velarde has been named as a lifetime member in the National Registry of Who's Who.

Before joining Burns, Figa & Will, Mr. Velarde served as judicial law clerk to The Honorable Daniel M. Taubman of the Colorado Court of Appeals. Mr. Velarde is admitted to the bar of Colorado and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. He received his undergraduate degree from Colorado State University in Business Administration, with an emphasis in accounting.