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BUSINESS LAW

Burns, Figa & Will provides a full range of business legal counseling to large and small businesses across a broad spectrum of industries. Building long-term business relationships with our clients, whether large or small, is a priority for us. We serve public companies as well as closely held concerns owned by a family or small group of shareholders.

In response to corporate scandals and stock market uncertainty, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act became law in July 2002. The Act makes dramatic changes to reporting requirements of public companies, their directors and officers. It can also have significant impact on private companies.

In such a complex environment, having the guidance of an experienced business attorney is a requirement. We approach each legal matter with our clients' best interest in mind, helping them create value in their businesses and minimize liabilities.

Our business attorneys combine honesty, experience and proven results to benefit clients in three key areas:

- ▶ Business Formation, Operation, and Growth
- ▶ Intellectual Property Protection
- ▶ Financing and Liquidity Events

Business Formation, Operations, and Growth

- ▶ Choice of Entity
- ▶ Shareholder Agreements, Partnership Agreements, and Operating Agreements
- ▶ Tax and Business Planning
- ▶ Corporate Governance and Compliance
- ▶ Real Estate Transactions and Development
- ▶ Employment Law Matters
- ▶ Joint Ventures, Strategic Alliances, Partnering Agreements
- ▶ Contracts, License Agreements and Leases
- ▶ International Transactions
- ▶ Compliance with Local, State, and Federal Laws and Regulations Registrations,
- ▶ Disclosures, and Reports
- ▶ Succession Planning for Family-Owned Businesses

Intellectual Property Protection

- ▶ Trademark Searching, Selection, Registration and Enforcement Agreements and Licenses such as Software, Royalty and Distributor
- ▶ Copyright Registration and Enforcement Trade Secret Protection, Confidentiality Agreements, and Enforcement E-Commerce
- ▶ Agreements, Online Privacy Statements

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Financing and Liquidity Events

- ▶ Public Offerings
- ▶ Mergers and Acquisitions
- ▶ Private Placements
- ▶ Debt and Equity
- ▶ Purchase and/or Sales Agreements
- ▶ Dissolution and Foreclosure

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