

WHO WE ARE

Deeply rooted in the great Northwest and nationally recognized for outstanding work for more than 30 years, Stoll Berne has achieved extraordinary results for our clients through practical, strategic and tenacious representation. Although our firm's many noteworthy achievements reflect our professional abilities, the numerous referrals we receive from satisfied clients and peers in the legal profession perhaps better illustrate our success. More than half of our practice originates from other attorneys who refer their clients to us. We enjoy maintaining a relatively small firm, taking care to understand client needs and provide services in legal areas in which we have particular experience and skill.

AN ENVIRONMENT OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

We select our attorneys on the basis of their high personal integrity, sound judgment and superior academic achievement. Many of our firm's lawyers finished at or near the top of their class at the nation's premier law schools. Our partners and associates have received — and continue to receive — professional honors and accolades. We are consistently rated among the best lawyers in Oregon by our peers and are frequently cited for the many articles we have published in professional journals. We are also regularly invited to speak to legal groups and other organizations.



A PRACTICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD PREVENTING AND RESOLVING DISPUTES

STOLL BERNE represents a number of large and small corporations, financial institutions and government entities ranging from closely held businesses and individual clients to Fortune 500 corporations, all of whom seek the very best in legal representation. We concentrate our practice in sharply defined areas of expertise. By maintaining a focus in these select areas, we strive for continued success—for our firm and, more importantly, for our clients.

KEY PRACTICE AREAS:

Business dispute resolution and litigation

Business people prefer to avoid litigation whenever possible. Accordingly, we resolve many business disputes without going to trial and frequently without even filing a lawsuit.

We work to understand what is truly important to each party and fashion a creative solution for everyone involved. Of course, a resolution is not always possible. If a lawsuit is the preferred or only way to resolve a dispute, we are highly accomplished trial lawyers with substantial experience before judges and juries in state and federal courts. Our litigation and dispute resolution experience includes contract disputes, power supply contracts, financial fraud, real estate and construction disputes, toxic torts, professional (accountant, lawyer and business consultant) malpractice and employment termination.

Securities/investor/broker litigation

During the past three decades, we have likely represented more investors in securities and stockbroker litigation and corporate disputes than any other law firm in Oregon. We have successfully handled a number of high-profile securities fraud class action suits on behalf of investors. We regularly represent both plaintiffs and defendants in cases involving stocks, bonds, limited partnerships and other investment vehicles, disputes between stockbrokers and customers (e.g., churning and suitability claims) and cases involving claims for management malfeasance at the expense of shareholders or investors.

We defend our business clients in class actions and other cases alleging securities law claims. We also advise brokerage firms and individuals with respect to regulatory and compliance matters.

Trademark/intellectual property litigation

We represent parties in trade secret, trademark, copyright, false advertising, unfair competition, defamation, medical research practice and related intellectual property matters. We also represent clients with respect to antitrust issues and litigation. We are frequently consulted by patent and trademark counsel when litigation develops and often are asked to serve as trial counsel.



Class action litigation

We have earned a solid reputation as the leading plaintiffs' class action firm in Oregon. We have litigated numerous securities fraud class actions on behalf of investors and a variety of class actions on behalf of consumers. We have represented employees in class actions involving wage and hour claims. We also have represented clients in class actions involving the environment, the rights of the mentally disabled, disability determinations by the Social Security Administration and the rights of forestry workers.

Business transactions/corporate law

We act as general and special counsel to businesses engaged in a wide variety of industries, including finance, securities, technology, agriculture and health care. Our clients include individuals, investors and businesses of all kinds, from publicly held corporations to closely held businesses.

Our lawyers are prepared to assist clients in the formation or acquisition of businesses, business dispositions and all business needs in between. We regularly represent and advise clients about capital formation, financing, licensing, leasing, executive compensation, employment, corporate governance, change of control, business succession planning, shareholder disputes, tax planning and regulatory compliance.

Real estate law

We represent real estate developers, investors and financial institutions in a wide variety of real estate transactions and other matters. We assist clients in the negotiation and documentation of the purchase and sale of real estate, construction and permanent financing, commercial leasing and development and related matters.

With specific education and experience in tax matters, we advise our clients on structuring their real estate transactions to minimize tax liability and maximize investment returns. In addition, our real estate lawyers have legal expertise in such areas as joint venture arrangements, tax-deferred property exchanges, affordable housing developments, historic rehabs, new markets tax credits, condominiums, homeowners' associations, disposition and development agreements with local municipalities, and the syndication of commercial real estate acquisitions in private placements and by private equity funds.



A BELIEF IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Stoll Berne plays a leadership role in giving back to the community, instilling hope among citizens who are in need. The firm donates a generous percentage of its gross revenues each year to charitable organizations. We are one of the largest contributors to the Campaign For Equal Justice, which provides funding for legal services to low-income Oregonians. Many of our lawyers regularly donate their time to pro bono legal activities, including representing seniors, indigent clients and migrant workers. We are involved with community organizations ranging from Self Enhancement, Inc., St. Mary's Home for Boys, and Stand for Children to CASA, Hands on Portland and Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger. We also participate in charitable fund raising and coach high school mock trial teams.

