



Hanson Bridgett in Brief

Hanson Bridgett provides clients the personalized attention of a smaller firm and the resources of a larger one. With our broad range of expertise, we serve the legal needs of major corporations, financial institutions, government entities, prominent individuals, small and mid-size business partnerships, and charitable and nonprofit organizations. The firm features a core of partners and associates who live and work in the Bay Area and Sacramento Area. Collectively, our knowledge of local issues, active civic involvement and interest in the area align us closely with the local communities of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Valley. While we pride ourselves on our local focus, our attorneys provide an extensive range of legal services to clients across California, throughout the United States, and abroad.

The attorneys and staff at Hanson Bridgett are a diverse group, but we share a collective commitment to excellence in the practice of law, and top service to our clients. We build strong relationships with our clients based on commitment and communication to assure client satisfaction.

MAJOR PRACTICE AREAS

Business. Hanson Bridgett offers a full range of legal advice to public and private clients. This includes commercial law and secured transactions, corporate and securities law (including corporate governance), mergers and acquisitions, creditors' rights, employee benefits, environmental law, emerging companies and venture financing, insurance coverage, intellectual property, international/cross border transactions, nonprofit law, taxation, and transportation.

Construction. Hanson Bridgett has a national level construction practice focusing on complex infrastructure projects. Construction Group attorneys participate in project formation, contracting, financing, execution and claims. Clients include major public owners, "ENR Top 50" designers, developers and contractors, along with moderately sized regional architectural, engineering and construction firms. The scope of projects is equally broad, encompassing the areas of clean and waste water treatment, tunnels and pipelines, highway and light rail, coastal and marine, hospital and health care, geotechnical and environmental, and commercial and industrial. The Construction Group has significant experience in alternative project delivery systems, including turnkey, design/build, build/own/transfer, and similar variants.

Estate Planning and Administration. We represent individuals, corporate fiduciaries and charities in all areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration.



We are experienced in designing innovative estate planning instruments; planning structures to reduce transfer taxes; structuring charitable trusts and other planned giving vehicles and transactions; and planning for, and litigation involving, major or complex transactions involving trusts and estates.

Health Law and Senior Housing & Care. We represent more than 50 hospitals and hospital systems, retirement communities, industry associations, medical staffs, physician groups, skilled nursing facilities, and alternative health care delivery systems. Our expertise covers issues regarding business, contract licensing, anti-trust, medical staff credentialing and quality assurance, hospital/patient relations, and Medicare/third-party reimbursement.

Insurance Recovery. In the insurance area the firm represents and advises insurers, agents and brokers, insureds and those affected by insurance. Ours is one of the few practices which has been able to successfully assist all parties in the insurance relationship on a consistent basis.

Intellectual Property. We have a sophisticated and burgeoning intellectual property practice, spanning a broad range of business advice, licensing agreements, prosecution of registrations, and litigation before federal and state courts and other tribunals, for clients as diverse as large corporations, start-ups, individuals, and entertainment, multimedia, and Internet businesses. We also meet the international needs of our clients through specialty legal networks.

Labor and Employment. This broad-based practice represents both public and private employers on such diverse matters as employment discrimination, wrongful termination, collective bargaining, benefits, contract administration, and arbitration issues. We also represent clients in state and federal courts and administrative tribunals, in dealings with the National Labor Relations Board, and in union negotiations.

Litigation. The litigation practice spans virtually all substantive areas of the law, ranging from antitrust, condemnation and general commercial law to construction, real estate, lender liability, professional liability, securities, product liability, will contests, and personal injury. We represent clients at all levels of state and federal courts (including bankruptcy courts), before administrative agencies, and in arbitration and mediation proceedings.

Government. Serving as general counsel to numerous transportation, water, community service, fire, and hospital districts, as well as cities and joint powers authorities, we are experienced in addressing virtually every legal issue public agency clients may confront. We also undertake individual assignments for environmental, municipal finance, solid waste, rate-setting, and other projects.

Real Estate. We provide experienced and effective counsel in all aspects of real estate acquisition and development. Our primary areas of expertise include: entity and tax counseling; project financing; property acquisition and sales; environmental assessment and remediation; land use and entitlements; lease negotiations and management; and dispute resolution and litigation.

Sustainable Business. The mission of Hanson Bridgett's Sustainable Business Practice Group is to help companies with sustainable agendas succeed, and to foster the growth of the sustainable business movement overall.

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