



Hanson Bridgett Practice Group Corporate Governance

Corporate governance spans a wide range of legal issues, from securities to ethics, labor, benefits, criminal law and more. Further, in today's environment, when corporate governance issues are raised they must be dealt with rapidly. Otherwise, the risk is high that the organization can be tainted and suffer a substantial cost with respect to numerous aspects of its business including, e.g., its stock price, its ability to borrow, and its ability to attract and retain board members.

Our Experience

Because of the breadth of corporate governance issues, a variety of skills as well as experience, is necessary to effectively deal with these challenges. Experience in governance is as important as the law. This is an area where judgment is key, and judgment comes from working with these issues.

Hanson Bridgett's Corporate Governance Group meets these needs. We have experienced attorneys from the requisite legal disciplines within the firm to address your corporate governance needs.

Our Corporate Governance Group includes attorneys from the following legal disciplines: Corporate and Securities; General Business; Ethics; White Collar Crime; Professional Responsibility, including both law and accounting; Labor; Employee Benefits law; Charitable and Nonprofit Organizations; and Litigation. We work collectively to bring each of these disciplines together to strategize and create solutions for our clients.

Areas of Expertise

We are fully prepared to address the issues that must be dealt with by publicly held, privately held and non-profit organizations such as:

- financial disclosure
- insider dealing and ethical standards
- increased responsibilities of CEOs, CFOs and audit committees
- increased responsibilities of attorneys and accountants
- whistleblower rules and codes of conduct for employees
- potential criminal liability
- “who is your lawyer”--a serious issue with the new rules
- limits on employee benefits
- fiduciary responsibility