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Corporate Law and Governance

Corporate law requires a broad range of interdisciplinary skills: knowing the laws governing formation and operation of business entities, and rights and obligations of managers and owners; knowledge of securities laws that dictate how ownership is distributed and capital raised; managing negotiated acquisitions, whether by asset sale, share sale or merger; shaping the characteristics of a business organization to meet an owner's succession plans; and a sensitivity to the legal environment in which directors and managers, and those advising them, are held to enhanced standards of responsibility.

Our corporate group is supported by specialists from other disciplines such as: taxation, employment law and environmental, among others. Sheehan Phinney lawyers have led major transactions involving the sale of a national chain of retail outlet centers; the acquisition of medical technology companies and automotive products manufacturers; and the financing of technology-intensive entities. They also prepare cross-purchase agreements among business owners, and assist clients in planning for an orderly diversification or transfer of ownership among family members or employees.