

Business Dispute Resolution Team

It is becoming increasingly rare for disputes to be resolved through actual trials resulting in a verdict—and for good reason. With court delays, increasing litigation costs, and greater uncertainty with often more risk, businesses are turning to alternative forms of dispute resolution (often referred to as “ADR”) to resolve their legal disputes. Lane Powell’s Business Dispute Resolution Team brings together the best of the firm’s business acumen and negotiation skills with the advocacy and sophistication of our experienced litigators to help clients resolve their business disputes. That way, our clients can focus on what they do best—operating successful businesses.

This cross-practice collaborative team guides clients through a variety of dispute resolution mechanisms tailored to each specific dispute, whether early negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or other creative dispute resolution processes. The Team’s unique blend of skill sets by the business and litigation attorneys allows for creative, proactive solutions to client disputes. Our Team’s dispute experience spans a wide array of business disputes, such as:

- Shareholder or LLC member disputes, including breach of fiduciary claims and other corporate governance claims
- Various disputes that arise in business transactions, from letters of intent through purchase agreements
- Contract disputes, including breach of contract claims and claims for injunctive relief
- Franchise disputes, including claims for violation of various state franchise laws, such as the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act
- Disputes arising in the transportation, aviation, and healthcare industries
- Trust and estate disputes and fiduciary liability claims, including claims under Washington’s Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution Act
- Employment disputes, including wrongful termination claims
- Early-stage due diligence to identify contentious issues in business ventures

By partnering with our Business Dispute Resolution Team, clients have more control and flexibility over the dispute process and crafting a desired outcome, with less risk, cost, and time spent getting there. Further, our Team provides modern businesses with what they want: a more nuanced, multi-pronged strategic approach to preventing, engaging in, and settling conflicts with favorable outcomes.

Additional Products & Services Offered:

Early Risk/Reward Analysis & Communication

Our Team develops early dispute analysis tools to advise clients on potential planning and resolution points before and as disputes begin to arise. These tools provide in-depth analysis to better understand the likelihood of success, the range of potential outcomes, and costs and fees involved by proceeding with the various routes to prevent or resolve the dispute. These tools—coupled with our transparent and timely communication—provide a streamlined approach to ensure our clients make informed and efficient decisions for their unique situations.

Mediation Strategic Guidance & Panel

With comprehensive pre-mediation strategic guidance, our attorneys and clients are fully prepared to engage in an effective mediation process each step of the way to ensure the most favorable results for our clients. The Business Dispute Resolution Team also provides clients with the benefit of our “Dispute Resolution Panel” to ensure thorough preparation and confidence in every dispute. The panel consists of litigators and business attorneys who are highly skilled in negotiations and mediation. Panel members work collaboratively with our clients and their primary attorneys to provide advice, guidance, and tactical strategic advice at pivotal decision-making and dispute points.

Mediator Resources

A key to successful mediation is selecting the right mediator. Our Business Dispute Resolution Team maintains a comprehensive list of highly recommended and preferred mediators who are well-vetted and have worked on matters with our attorneys in the past. Our Team will ensure the selection of the right mediator for each dispute.

As practical problem solvers, “out of the box” thinkers, and strategic legal partners, members of our Business Dispute Resolution Team are here to help clients craft creative solutions for their unique situations. Contact us if you are interested in learning more about Lane Powell’s Business Dispute Resolution Service Team and the services we offer.

Meet the Team

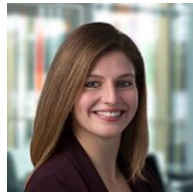
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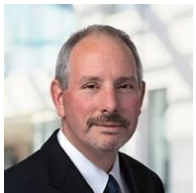
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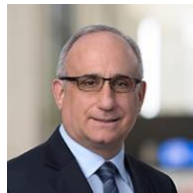
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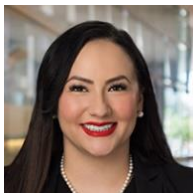
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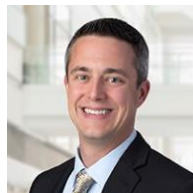
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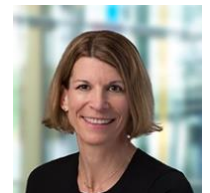
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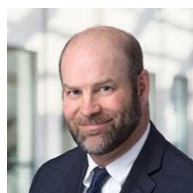
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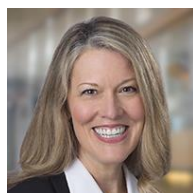
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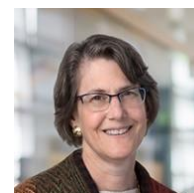
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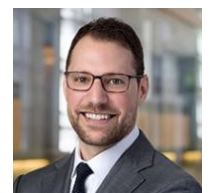
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