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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

Business and real estate transactions; mergers and acquisitions; commercial contracts and leases.

Drawing on years of prior experience in business and real estate litigation, as well as representation of numerous property owners in condemnation cases, Dean represents clients in real estate transactions and purchases and sales of privately-held businesses.

EDUCATION

Duke Law School

- Juris Doctor, 1974

Stanford University

- Bachelor of Arts, 1971

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate & Business Law
- Real Estate

EXPERIENCE

- Represented sellers in stock and asset business sales, including construction contractors, manufacturers, distributors, real estate brokerages, and biotech laboratory
- Represented primary shareholders in sale of e-commerce company
- Negotiated numerous leases on behalf of restaurant, office, distribution and other commercial tenants
- Won \$1,125,000 arbitration award for sellers in sale of business earn-out dispute
- Defended guarantors before trial and appellate courts in landmark non-judicial deed of trust foreclosure act cases
- Obtained multiple \$1+ million settlements and judgments for property owners in condemnation lawsuits
- Obtained \$1,300,000 settlement for beneficiaries in trust/estate litigation



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PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

- Named to “Best Lawyers” by Best Lawyers in America® in the practice areas of Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law and Real Estate Law, 2024 ed.
- Washington Super Lawyers magazine, “Super Lawyer” 2010-2022
- Whidbey Island Homeowners Assn. Officer & Board Member 2006-015, 2017-19
- Clyde Hill City Council, 1996-2007
- Clyde Hill Board of Adjustment, 1994-1995
- Medina Mayor, 1990-1991
- Medina City Council, 1986-1991
- Medina Planning Commission, 1983-1986



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