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**Commercial, Business, Corporate** - transactions and agreements involving entity formation documents, including corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, annual business reviews to update minutes, employee handbooks and updating relationships among those involved in such entities.

**Real Estate** - sales or leasing of commercial and/or residential properties.

**Petroleum Marketing** - negotiations and review/revisions of major brand and distributor/jobber supply agreements and leases.

**Wills and Trusts** - preparation of Wills, Powers of Attorney and Trust documents with particular emphasis on beneficiary designations and inheritance tax implications.

**Estates** - probating Wills, preparing and filing applicable federal and state inheritance tax returns, and insuring proper payment distributions are made to beneficiaries.

**Negligence** - handle a wide variety of injury claims against those at fault including auto and transportation accidents, real property defects, product liability, nursing home accidents, liquor liability, medical malpractice and damages to real property.

**Workers’ Compensation** - advice to employers and employees arising out of job related injuries.

**Franchisees** - represent persons negotiating new and existing franchise documents such as with Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, etc.

**Litigation** - lawsuits arising out of all sorts of matters both as plaintiff and defendant.

**Governmental Matters** - such as zoning and other state and local required filings.

**Environmental** - advice to avoid potential problems and representation in response to governmental citations involving claimed environmental violations.

**Creditor Problems** - resolving debts by settlement or if necessary filing a bankruptcy petition.

Other areas of the law covered by the Firm include: immigration, public finance, international matters, non-profit organization issues and criminal cases.

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