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General Counsel

To law firms of all sizes, I provide the support and service customary of a law firm general counsel, including advice regarding professional responsibility, risk management and claims management.

Law Firm Partnerships

I advise both individual lawyers and law firms on a variety of partnership matters, including (a) drafting, interpreting or restructuring partnership agreements, and inter-firm and similar joint venture agreements, and (b) business and professional responsibility counseling with respect to ancillary law firm businesses or affiliated business partnerships.

Lateral Hire Representation

I advise both lateral groups in transition as well as hiring law firms on the issues surrounding lateral moves, including (a) partnership and fiduciary duty counseling for lateral groups vis-à-vis their originating firm, (b) also for lateral groups, corporate and risk management due diligence on their destination firm, and (c) for hiring law firms, advice on LPLI coverage matters and strategies for minimizing exposure to the originating firm.

Policies and Procedures

To law firms of all sizes, I provide advice on the creation and implementation of effective and practical loss prevention policies, such as those related to service on client boards of directors, client investing, representation of family and friends, and similar matters.

Law Firm Mergers

I advise law firms looking to sell themselves or merge, as well as law firms looking to acquire smaller firms/groups, including (a) general business/corporate advice, (b) structuring/drafting term sheets, (c) management of conflicts arising from the combination, and (d) corporate and risk management due diligence on potential strategic partners.

Third Party Legal Opinions Practice

As the draftsman for one of the principal California State Bar Reports regarding the delivery of third party legal opinions in business transactions, I advise both individual lawyers and law firms on matters related to the drafting, interpretation and negotiation of third party opinion letters.

Audits

For underwriters evaluating risk, for brokers that are structuring placements for their clients, and for law firms seeking coverage or assistance, I assess the risk profile of law firms in light of practice type, client base, practice hygiene and risk management policies and procedures.

Expert Witness Services

I provide expert witness services in disputes regarding lawyers' professional liability, attorney client fee disputes, and third party legal opinion practice.