



Business & Corporate Law

Businesses have a life cycle. Foster Swift business and corporate attorneys help business owners and key executives nurture their business every step of the way. By providing a comprehensive team of attorneys, we are able to build long term relationships with our clients that focus on success in every phase of the cycle.

Recognized by their peers as leaders, several Foster Swift Business and Corporate attorneys have been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* and *Michigan Super Lawyers*.

For decades, the attorneys in the Business and Corporate Practice Group have assisted start-up businesses to Fortune 500 companies with:

- Entity selection, formation and organization planning
- Commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions including asset or stock acquisitions or sales
- Counsel for securities offerings in compliance with federal and state securities laws
- SEC reporting requirements, executive compensation issues, disclosure issues and general corporate governance matters
- Contract preparation, compensation plan preparation and general corporate counseling
- Succession and exit planning
- International expansion, joint ventures, immigration and U.S. import/export controls
- Federal and state tax planning
- Shareholder dispute resolution
- Construction and real estate issues
- Intellectual property and information technology issues - CHECK OUT FOSTER SWIFT'S **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW BLOG**

We provide services to a wide variety of industry sectors and business types. Two emerging areas for the practice group are public finance and sports and entertainment law. Our Business and Corporate attorneys collaborate with Foster Swift attorneys in other areas and industry experts to cost effectively meet the legal needs of a business.

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SUCCESSFUL REPRESENTATIONS

- A publicly-traded company hired Foster Swift to handle two registered secondary offerings involving an aggregate offering price of approximately \$18 million.
- A growing manufacturing company retained Foster Swift to design, develop and implement a multi-state, multi-industry acquisition strategy which to date has successfully acquired three companies in three states with a combined value of \$35 million.
- A business client needed help with the formation of a bank holding company and state chartered bank. Our attorneys handled these matters together with private placement offerings of \$8.5 million and \$3.3 million of common stock.
- An issuer needed counsel on a going-private transaction. On its behalf, Foster Swift managed the going-private transaction and a \$10 million trust preferred securities offering.
- A multi-national insurance holding company hired Foster Swift. We helped the entity restructure and reorganize.
- A state-chartered bank wanted to acquire multiple branch locations and needed counsel. It hired Foster Swift, and the deals were done.
- A publicly-traded bank holding company hired Foster Swift and completed a registered purchase of a bank holding company.
- Various purchasers hired us to handle a \$3.2 million insurance agency acquisition and, separately, the \$6.5 million acquisition of oil and gas equipment.
- Various sellers hired Foster Swift for a \$42 million sale of an original equipment manufacturer and, separately, a \$9.3 million sale of an engineering firm.

Today's business climate rewards those who are well prepared and strategic, particularly when it comes to adhering to challenges. A strong relationship with an experienced attorney can make a significant difference in the evolution of a business. Foster Swift business attorneys deliver cost-effective, responsive legal services for sophisticated transactions and business needs while creating innovative solutions to clients' legal challenges.

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Avoid Liability Associated With Foreign Export Control Violations, *Foster Swift Business & Corporate Law Report*, Winter 2011

- Business Law
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NEWS

21 Foster Swift Attorneys named to 2011 Michigan Super Lawyers; 4 named Michigan Rising Stars, September 12, 2011

New Practice Group Leader at Foster Swift, March 24, 2011

Foster Swift's 2011 Best Lawyers, August 17, 2010

EVENTS

Joel Farrar to speak at 2011 Corporate Institute, *NALA*, July 27-29, 2011

Foster Swift Presents: Michigan's Economic Outlook with Michael Finney - June 27, 2011, *Foster Swift Collins and Smith, P.C.*, June 27, 2011

Kamins and Seuryneck to speak at 13th annual PCLS-MAMA Summer Educational Conference, *Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys*, June 13, 2011

WEBINAR | Protecting Against the Unknown: How to Successfully Review IT Contracts to Increase Your Rights and Avoid Potential Liability, June 22, 2010

The Winning Legal Strategies for Doing VC Deals Conferences, *Reed Logic (audio/print seminar)*, 2006