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Practice Areas

Corporate Finance | Corporate Law | Emerging Companies & Venture Capital | Mergers & Acquisitions | Nonprofit/Tax-Exempt Organizations | Real Estate | Regulatory Law & Business Permitting

Corporate clients from all walks and all stages seek out Nicholas Johnson for sound advice throughout their business transactions.

From structuring, formation, and financing to day-to-day governance to mergers and acquisitions, Nicholas brings a wealth of knowledge to each unique situation facing his corporate clients. By offering strategic counsel and individualized attention, Nick supports his clients in their legal and practical matters and works diligently to ensure favorable outcomes.

Experience

Mergers and Acquisitions

- Represented statewide nonprofit as disappearing corporation in nonprofit merger.
- Represented founder of outdoor adventure company in sale of his stock.
- Represented telecommunications company in a sale of its assets.
- Represented two biotechnology companies in an acquisition of their assets, including transition of federal permits.
- Represented real estate entrepreneur in split up of multi-state empire, including division of properties with partner.
- Represented grocery company in sale of assets to private equity investor.
- Represented insurance company in multiple stock redemptions.

Business

- Drafted and negotiated key business contracts, including equipment purchase and lease, service acquisition, and regulatory compliance contracts, for multi-state medical services company.

- Served as outside general counsel to brewery in matters of stockholder relations.
- Served as outside general counsel to grocery company, including negotiating vendor services contracts.
- Advised multiple entities on compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act.
- Represented communications company in lender financing.
- Researched and drafted comprehensive technical memoranda advising on operational formalities, self-governance, and regulatory compliance.

Nonprofit

- Represented several nonprofit corporations in obtaining tax-exempt status.
- Advised nonprofits on corporate compliance, including redrafting bylaws and remaining within the limitations placed on tax-exempt entities.
- Served as outside general counsel to local nonprofit on corporate governance matters, lobbying compliance, and services contracts.

Real Estate

- Represented several companies in acquisitions of real property.
- Represented businesses in acquiring favorable lease terms.

Professional & Community Service

- Lawyers in the Library, Volunteer, 2017-present
- SCBA Barristers' Club, Secretary
- California Lawyers Association, Business Law and Tax Sections
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Business Law and Tax Sections
- Sacramento Metro EDGE, Member
- Urban Land Institute, Member
- *California Law Review*, Associate Editor, 2015–2017

Education

- J.D., University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), 2017
- B.S., Business Administration, University of Southern California, 2014

Honors & Rankings

- *Sacramento Business Journal*, Best of the Bar, 2019

- Order of the Coif
- Judicial Extern, Honorable David I. Brown & Honorable Raymond M. Cadei, Superior Court of California, Sacramento, Law and Motion, Summer 2015

Publications

- *Cell Phone Location Information: Not Voluntarily Conveyed - Urging the Legislature to Reestablish Privacy Rights After United States v. Graham*, The Circuit, online edition of the California Law Review (7 Cal. L. Rev. Online 153), November 2016
- *Chapter 255: Finding the Leaks in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act*, The University of the Pacific Law Review, Volume 47, Issue 3, Article 16 (47 U. Pac. L. Rev. 641), January 2016