

BUSINESS, TRANSACTIONS, AND TAX

Williams & Connolly LLP's business, transactional, commercial, and tax practices complement its position as a preeminent litigation law firm. The firm's corporate and business clients recognize that many of our strengths in litigation transfer smoothly to our transactional and commercial practice. This recognition is reflected in the fact that Williams & Connolly was ranked as one of the five best corporate law firms in Washington, D.C. in the 2006, 2004, 2003 and 2001 special issue of *Corporate Board Member's* list of "America's Best Corporate Law Firms."

The firm has represented diverse businesses of all sizes, including publicly-traded and privately-held companies, individual entrepreneurs, not-for-profit entities, trade associations, schools and institutions of higher learning, religious entities, real estate ventures, and high-technology companies. Our business and tax practices serve the needs of both U.S. and foreign clients, including U.S. companies doing business both domestically and overseas, foreign companies and their domestic subsidiaries and affiliates, and foreign governments and companies owned by foreign governments.

The firm represents companies at all stages of the business cycle, from start-ups to mature businesses. For clients just starting up, our corporate lawyers can guide them through the often bewildering array of issues faced at the inception of a business. The firm assists start-ups with all kinds of legal needs, from setting up employment and compensation arrangements, to real estate leasing, to financing, to tax planning. For established enterprises, our experience in everything from mergers and acquisitions to securities matters allows us to offer wide-ranging and astute legal advice.

We also have substantial experience in federal tax planning, for both corporations and individuals, and in securities litigation and related matters. We also work closely with the lawyers in our Federal Programs and National Defense practice to provide clients in this field with the full range of Williams & Connolly's business and corporate legal experience to complement the knowledge of federal programs that we offer. In addition, we work with our colleagues in our sports practice in providing transactional and business-related legal services for their athlete clients.

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