

**STEPHEN P. SORENSEN, PARTNER**

Mr. Sorensen focuses his practice on complex business and financial disputes. Mr. Sorensen also has experience in investigations and disputes arising from issues of corporate governance and regulatory compliance, and has represented companies, board committees and individuals in connection with securities enforcement proceedings, internal investigations and securities and commercial fraud civil litigation.

Having practiced in the areas of corporate, securities and intellectual property licensing, Mr. Sorensen also brings significant corporate and intellectual property transactional experience to his litigation practice. Prior to starting his legal career, Mr. Sorensen served as a Peace Corps volunteer in The Gambia, West Africa, and later worked as an economist for RAND in the area of international development.

Representative recent engagements include:

- Defense of founder and chairman of a public real estate investment trust at trial in Delaware's Chancery Court against the trust's alleged claim to acquire certain commercial real estate.
- Representation of large financial institution in litigation in various federal courts in connection with the collapse of one of the country's largest mortgage lenders and a billion dollar mortgage-backed commercial paper facility.
- Argued first appeal in Maryland's highest court construing Maryland statute defining corporation's duty to indemnify officers and directors.
- Internal investigation of executive compensation practices at the Smithsonian Institution. (Report available at [http://www.si.edu/governance/documents/IRC\\_report.pdf](http://www.si.edu/governance/documents/IRC_report.pdf))
- Independent review for the Office of Finance of the Federal Home Loan Bank to develop a set of principles and procedures for combined financial reporting for the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks. (Report available at [http://www.fhlf-of.com/ofweb\\_userWeb/resources/fhlfreport81309.pdf](http://www.fhlf-of.com/ofweb_userWeb/resources/fhlfreport81309.pdf))
- Representation of the executives of Latin American subsidiaries of a U.S. multinational corporation in connection with U.S. and foreign civil and criminal investigations of foreign payments.

**GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

- United States Peace Corps, The Gambia, West Africa, 1989-1991



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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Business, Transactions, and Tax
- Corporate Governance and Compliance
- General Civil Litigation
- Securities and Financial Services Litigation

**EDUCATION AND HONORS**

- Stanford Law School, J.D., with distinction, 1998; Associate Editor, *Stanford Law Review*
- Carnegie Mellon University, MS, Public Policy, with highest distinction, 1993
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1988

**BAR AND COURT****ADMISSIONS**

- California, Virginia and District of Columbia United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, Eastern District of Virginia, and Central District of California

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Open Regionalism or Old Fashioned Protectionism? A Look at the Performance of MERCOSUR's Auto Industry.* 30 INTER-AMERICAN LAW REVIEW 371 1999

## LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- German