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Introduction

Dwight serves as an advocate and trusted advisor to his clients who span a broad range of sectors and business sizes. As an integral member of the CH& Business group, Dwight's practice focuses on Mergers & Acquisitions, particularly in the area of cross-border mergers and acquisitions and divestitures. Dwight has extensive experience in representing multinational companies in connection with US transactions and operations and coordinating and managing multijurisdictional teams. As a strategic thinker, Dwight enables his clients to navigate the intricacies of each transaction while never losing sight of their overall goals. Dwight empowers his clients to make informed, objective decisions to quickly close transactions and provide the maximum value to all parties involved.

In addition to M&A, Dwight's multi-faceted practice also emphasizes corporate governance, federal and state tax, and commercial contracts. Representing multinational, privately held and emerging companies, Dwight thinks outside of the box to deliver creative solutions for complex contract negotiations. His commercial contract clients span a wide array of industries including manufacturing, retail, food and beverage, technology, advertising and marketing, and service-oriented sectors. Dwight provides counsel on organizational structure, day-to-day management and fiduciary duties. Dwight also helps non-profit organizations achieve tax-exempt status and establish approved governance. Defined by his willingness to go above and beyond for his clients, Dwight provides respectful and responsive legal counsel across all aspects of his practice.

Experience & Results

- Represented the WaveDivision Capital management team in multiple acquisitions valued at over $1.3 billion

- Represented Wave Broadband in multiple acquisitions and its subsequent $2.36 billion sale to TPG Capital

- Represented multinational Japanese-based print manufacturing company in multiple cross-border acquisitions exceeding $1 billion

- Represented property management client in $300 million real estate debt restructuring

- Represented multinational software manufacturing company in multiple acquisitions exceeding $100 million

- Represented client in the sale of a national freight transportation company for $94 million

- Represented online security, privacy and e-Learning company in $61 million majority interest sale to private equity firm

- Represented client in sale of fish processing company for $56 million

- Represented client in sale of data analytics company in $39 million sale to multinational accounting services firm

- Regularly represents procurement department of international, publicly traded, coffee, food and beverage company in its commercial contracts

Education

- University of Washington (B.A., 1994)

- University of Washington School of Law (J.D., 1997)

Admissions

- Washington

Honors & Recognition

- Ranked in Washington State by *Chambers USA* in the area of Corporate/M&A since 2021

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Corporate Law since 2021

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Tax Law since 2021

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Mergers and Acquisitions Law since 2024

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) since 2024

- Top Business Lawyer - Business Transaction, General Award Recipient, *Seattle Business*

- 40 Under 40 Honoree, *Puget Sound Business Journal*

- Named on the Washington Rising Stars list by *Super Lawyers® Magazine*

Professional & Community Involvement

- Cross Cultural Health Care Program, President

Publications/Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "The Curious Cases of Aretha & Prince: 'Changing Views about Inter-generational Wealth Transfer & Philanthropy,'" Solutions for Narrowing the Racial Wealth Gap Conference, Coalition for Investing in Washington Jobs, Seattle, WA (September 28, 2019)