







# Douglas D. Morris

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**“I build solutions around each client’s need. With a creative and collaborative commitment to service, I work to understand each client’s situation and suggest multiple creative ideas to keep a transaction on track, resolve a business challenge, or take advantage of an opportunity. Clients appreciate my ability to pull together advice from colleagues and strategic advisors with specialized expertise and diverse perspectives to develop well-informed and comprehensive solutions.”**

Doug Morris is a partner in the firm’s business team and chairs the the firm’s consumer products & services department. Doug’s practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, securities, and corporate representation of businesses. He frequently serves as general counsel for clients, providing business and strategic advice, structuring key transactions and licensing agreements, reviewing contracts and drafting agreements, and assembling the right team of subject-matter experts to meet clients’ varied needs.

Doug has particular experience in the entertainment and media industry, working with creators, managers, and brands. He also works extensively in the cannabis industry, advising retailers, growers, processors, and ancillary businesses.

Doug is active in the community and currently serves on the boards of Oregon Cannabis Association, SOLVE, and Metropolitan Public Defender Services, Inc. He recently served as board chair of Albertina Kerr Centers.

## Professional Activities

- Metropolitan Public Defender Services, Inc.
  - board of trustees, 2014-present
- Multnomah Bar Association
  - CLE Committee, 1999-2002

## Civic Activities

- SOLVE Oregon
  - board of directors, 2018-present

## Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School (formerly Northwestern School of Law), *cum laude*, 1996

- Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1991

## Bar Admissions

Washington, 1997  
Oregon, 1996

- Albertina Kerr Centers
  - Audit and Compliance Committee, 2013
  - director, 2006-2012
  - chair, 2010-2012
  - chair-elect, 2008-2009
- Oregon Entrepreneurs Network, Angel Oregon Organizing Committee, member, 2004-2005
- Campaign for Equal Justice, Associates' Committee, member, 1998-1999

## Representative Experience

### Licensing & Sponsorship

- Advise a multimedia talent management company in its representation and creative transactions with online influencers.
- Represent cannabis and other consumer products companies in sponsorship agreements with professional athletes and online influencers.
- Represent talent in services and sponsorship agreements with content producers and brands.
- Represent producers in financing and talent services agreements for livestream content.

### Corporate Representation & Compliance

- Advise multiple major vertically integrated cannabis businesses in their corporate structure, general business operations and contracting.
- Assist multi-location retailers in acquisitions of new locations, including local municipality relations.
- Assist cannabis clients with license application and updates and regulatory compliance.
- Advise companies and individual owners in acquisition, sale, divestiture, partnership disputes, and dissolution transactions.

### Fund Creation & Investments

- Represent a multimedia talent management company in forming and launching an online influencer-backed venture fund.
- Represent issuers and investors in literally dozens of private offerings in the last 20 years, from \$60 million late-stage venture capital rounds to seed financing from angel investors.
- Represent a sustainability-driven real asset investment firm in multiple venture investments from one of its funds.

### Mergers & Acquisitions

- Represent an energy company in its growth equity capital funding transaction with private equity investment advisors in North America and Europe.
- Represent an energy company in acquiring generation projects ahead of public offering.
- Represented cannabis producer and processor in sale to multi-state operator.
- Represent multiple businesses as buyers and sellers in structuring, negotiating, and drafting merger and acquisition transactional documents and managing complex closings.

## Publications

- "COVID-19: Cannabis Industry Resources," Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, coauthor (Mar. 2020)
- "Ch. 22: Shareholders' Meeting; Voting; Proxies; and Voting Arrangements," Oregon State Bar, *Advising Oregon Businesses*, chapter author (2017)
- "Ch. 20: Venture Capital Financing," Oregon State Bar, *Advising Oregon Businesses*, chapter author (2017)
- "Is Your Brewery's Business Attractive?" *Oregon Beer Growler* (Aug. 2017)
- "Can Your Brewery Survive the Departure of a Founder?" *Oregon Beer Growler* (Mar. 2017)

## Presentations

- “Interview an Investor,” Oregon Cannabis Association (OCA), Women’s Section Investor Workshop, panelist (July 2018)
- “Contract Review & Administration—Tips to Avoid Risk and Effectively Manage Your Contracts,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, Breakfast Roundtable Series (July 2016)

## Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Commercial Transactions/UCC Law, 2013-present
  - Corporate Law, 2013-present
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2022
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyers, 2014-present
  - Selected to Rising Stars, 2009

## Personal Activities

Doug enjoys being a part of Portland’s bike and beer communities.