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Overview

Tom focuses on real estate, hospitality and corporate transactions, including commercial leases, purchase and sale agreements and management agreements.

Tom represents real estate and hospitality clients in a diverse array of matters and transactions, including purchases and sales of commercial properties and hotels. He also has extensive experience representing commercial tenants and landlords in leases of retail, office and industrial properties. Tom frequently works with tenants in the hospitality industry, including restaurants, bars and breweries.

Tom regularly advises owners and operators nationwide on hotel management and restaurant management agreements. He also negotiates SNDAs and assignments of management agreements with lenders as security for such agreements.

Areas of Focus

- [Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental](#)
- [Hospitality, Travel & Tourism](#)
- [Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

Admissions

- Oregon, 2019

Education

- J.D., University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, 2013
 - *Denver Journal of International Law and Politics*, Editor
- B.A., Amherst College, Political Science, 2007

Honors & Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law, 2023-present
- Rising Star, Oregon Super Lawyers, 2021-present

Professional Activities

- Boulder Bar Association, Real Estate Section, Co-Chair, 2016-2018

Community Activities

- Proud Ground, Pro Bono Volunteer
 - Educating and assisting first-time homebuyers to understand home purchase agreement details under the organization's Community Land Trust model
- Boulder Ballet, Board of Directors, 2015-2019

Experience

- **Lease negotiations on behalf of Fortune 20 company**

Ongoing representation of Fortune 20 company in lease negotiations with commercial and industrial developers involving facilities across the United States.
- **Purchase of Denver-area hotel**

Represented hotel investment group in its \$9 million purchase of a hotel in Denver, Colorado. Assisted client in the negotiation of the purchase and sale agreement as well as survey and title review, additional due diligence and closing documents.
- **Multiple office leases in historic downtown Portland building**

Represented commercial landlord in negotiating several office leases in a historic downtown Portland, Oregon, office building, including office buildout terms.
- **Retail lease negotiations for footwear manufacturer**

Represented footwear manufacturer in its negotiation of various retail leases and to coordinate the review of additional retail leases in various U.S. locations. Negotiation included lease termination and renewal rights, exclusivity clauses, tenant improvement concessions and limitations on CAM charges.
- **Purchase of Portland office building**

Represented commercial lighting business in the purchase of an office building in Portland, Oregon. Negotiated the purchase and sale agreement and handled related title review, due diligence and financing document review. Also assisted client with coordinated bank and SBA financing for the project.

- **Purchase of vineyard acreage in Oregon wine country**

Represented Oregon winemaker in its purchase of vineyard acreage in Yamhill County, Oregon, including title review, due diligence matters and preparation of closing documents.

- **Represents owner/landlord of various office building and shopping centers**

Represents owner/landlord of various office building and shopping centers in connection with leasing, tenant defaults, and other tenant related issues.

News & Insights

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[Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2024 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists](#)

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[57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

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[45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among The Best Lawyers In America®](#)

[08.18.22](#)

[Four Attorneys Recognized in Oregon Super Lawyers for 2022](#)

[07.01.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Promotes Six Attorneys to Principal](#)

[01.03.22](#)

[Six Attorneys Recognized in Oregon Super Lawyers for 2021](#)

[07.12.21](#)

Events

[“May the Force Majeure Be With You: Examining Commercial Lease Disputes Related to COVID-19,”
Multnomah Bar Association COVID-19 CLE Series](#)

[04.21.20](#)

[Colorado Real Estate Contracts 101](#)

[10.20.16](#)

Legal Alerts

[Oregon Extends Eviction Ban, Allows Deferred Loan Payments and Prohibits Foreclosures](#)

[07.06.20](#)

[Oregon Governor Extends Eviction Moratorium to Commercial Leases](#)

[04.16.20](#)

[Enforcement and Avoidance of Contracts in Oregon After COVID-19 Events](#)

[03.20.20](#)

Publications

[May the Force Majeure Be With You: Examining Emerging Trends in Contract Disputes Related to COVID-19](#)

[09.01.20](#)

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