

## LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

For more than 60 years Hoge Fenton has provided top-quality trial and appellate lawyers to serve its clients. Our experienced and successful trial lawyers have set the standard for efficiency, professionalism, and client service. Indeed, 12 of our former partners now serve as federal and state court judges.

- The lawyers in our litigation practice group have extensive and diverse trial and appellate experience in both state and federal courts and before a broad range of federal, state, and local administrative agencies.
- Our clients range from large international corporations to small businesses, charitable groups, public entities, and private individuals.
- We file and defend civil lawsuits concerning a broad spectrum of issues regarding contracts, fraud, leases, unfair competition, trade secrets, intellectual property, corporate and partnership disputes, civil rights, disability rights, consumer law, bankruptcy, construction defects, products liability, banking laws, licensing, purchase-and sale transactions, stock options, professional liability, torts, business dissolutions, probate and trust disputes, employment matters, real property, land use, environmental issues, securities laws, and casualty and negligence claims.

To build proper communications and efficient working relationships with our clients, we involve the client at every stage of the proceedings, from early case evaluation, through budgeting, strategy development, and trial. At the outset, we work with our client to find the most expeditious and cost-effective means of successfully resolving a dispute. We provide a realistic evaluation of the merits of a case and recommend the appropriate strategy and staffing to maximize the chance for success.

We give clients our best professional advice, reflecting our independent judgment on how to resolve the legal issue at hand. We encourage alternate dispute resolution whenever possible. If a trial becomes inevitable, our extensive knowledge of the courts and procedures throughout the state and federal court systems puts us a step ahead of less-experienced lawyers.

We are proud to be zealous advocates for our client's cause. We recognize the value of clear communication of a client's position and the need for aggressive, firm, and immediate action, when necessary. We fight hard but fair, within the ethical rules and standards of our profession. We take pride in our professional reputation and our record of favorable results for our clients.

We enjoy the recognition of both the courts and the legal community as lawyers who know how to prepare and try a case, if necessary, or to otherwise bring it to a reasonable conclusion. Perhaps the best testament to our success is the fact that we receive many referrals from judges and other attorneys.

Our approach to litigation remains constant. We strive to assist our client in solving the immediate problem, whether by trial or settlement, reasonably and economically. As we do so, we also help our client keep an eye on long-term business goals to ensure that the solution does not create future conflicts.