

Private Business Services

The legal needs of family-owned, privately-managed and owner-operated businesses are unique. Owners and managers of private businesses need strategic legal advisors who understand the company's past, recognize the need for continuity and can position the company for future growth. The Aird & Berlis Private Business Services Group has hands-on advisors who can guide you through the initial planning, everyday transactions and challenging transitions faced by all businesses. It's a wise investment: careful drafting of a shareholders' agreement can future-proof the business, while prudent tax and succession planning ensures that your eventual transition is a cause of celebration, not turmoil.

We advise clients on a broad spectrum of issues ranging from day-to-day matters of managing and operating companies to key junctures such as reorganizations, acquisitions, divestitures, franchising, shareholder disputes and negotiating, drafting and settling commercial agreements of all descriptions. We also advise on employment and termination agreements, privacy and data security, tax and succession planning.

Advising private business clients requires a multidisciplinary approach. The members of this group work closely with other professionals within the firm, especially from areas such as banking & finance, intellectual property, employment and occupational health & safety law, litigation & dispute resolution, municipal & land use planning, real estate, and tax, estate & succession planning, to provide our clients with a full range of services. We also have a large referral network of other professional service providers, including accountants, insurance agents and wealth management professionals, who can advise on non-legal matters.

Owners and managers of private businesses wear many hats. We wear one: strategic legal advisor. Trust us to handle your legal matters so that you can focus on your business.

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