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Ben Pirie counsels business clients on mergers and acquisitions, fundraising, drafting and negotiating complex contracts, corporate governance, and regulatory compliance. He regularly advises start-ups and established businesses on transactions that include affiliate considerations, licensing agreements, and cross-border issues. Ben often acts as outside general counsel, providing strategic advice and acting as a liaison between clients and the broad range of legal services offered by Sussman Shank. Ben is a creative, results-driven attorney who is focused on finding efficient solutions to unique challenges.

Ben specializes in working with clients in highly regulated industries in complex and dynamic regulatory environments, including Oregon's emerging cannabis and hemp markets. Ben has done foundational work in structuring complex transactions by which cannabis brands are able to access interstate markets without violating state laws or federal enforcement priorities. Ben has been recognized nationally for his work in the cannabis industry by Chambers USA, with clients stating he's "a well-organized, levelheaded attorney with great follow-up manners," and teaches a course on cannabis law and policy at the University of Oregon's law school.

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Practices

Business Law

Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School
Business Law Certificate
Moot Court Honor Board
Teaching Assistant, Legal Analysis and Writing
B.A., Duke University
Art History and Chemistry

Admissions

- Oregon State Bar
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Honors

- Chambers USA, "Leader in Their Field" for Cannabis Law—Nationwide: Western U.S. (2019 – 2025)
- Best Lawyers in America® Corporate Law, Portland, OR (2024 – 2026)
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® Corporate Law, Portland, OR (2021 – 2023)

I take a holistic, outcome-based approach to client service. By getting to know my clients' businesses from the top down and understanding what they've set out to achieve, I'm able to carefully tailor business solutions that meet their needs. And because their time and money are precious, my ultimate objective is to provide value when assisting clients in reaching their goals.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Representations and Warranties Insurance in the Time of Coronavirus: Trends in the 2021 ABA *Private Target Mergers & Acquisitions Deal Points Study*," Oregon State Bar, Business Law Section Newsletter, *Oregon Business Lawyer*, 2022

ORGANIZATIONS

Professional Organizations:

- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
 - Business Law Section, Executive Committee
 - Cannabis Law Section, Executive Committee
 - Treasurer (2023)

Civic Organizations:

- Coos Bay Oregon Law Center/Central Oregon Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO), Miller Nash Expungement Clinic Pro Bono Attorney (2022 - present)