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Darin works as outside general counsel for over a hundred businesses. He is often the first person called when an opportunity or difficulty is encountered by a business owner or officer. With Darin's economics and business background, as well as over three decades in solving both complex and standard business concerns and issues, Darin seeks long-term solutions for his clients. Those solutions include resolutions which are economically, legally, and where applicable, emotionally, appropriate.

Darin is passionate about the practice of law and protecting his clients as well as his community. Darin has led The Home Builders Foundation and The Rotary Club of Portland in numerous large and small projects addressing homeless solutions in Oregon. Darin has litigated over 750 cases, tried or arbitrated over 100 cases and assisted clients in selling and purchasing over 500 businesses, as well as assisted clients in hundreds of real estate purchases, sales and financings in his 35 years of legal practice. The resolutions Darin has delivered for his clients are economically and rationally based, creative and crafted to the specific and/or personal needs of his clients.

Industries

**Privately Held and Family-Owned
Businesses**

Agribusiness

Banking and Finance

Construction

Health Care

Real Estate and Land Use

Practices

Business Law

Litigation

Real Estate and Land Use

Tax

Trusts and Estates

Education

B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University
Economics

Blue Key

Omicron Delta Epsilon

J.D., University of Nebraska School
of Law, with distinction

Moot Court Board, Vice-Chairman

Order of the Barristers

Admissions

“I have worked with Darin Honn for nearly a decade on several transactions, big and small, that range from estate planning to selling all of my franchise locations in Oregon. No matter how big my need is, I feel like his most important client when I contact him. Darin champions his clients with grit and passion and I know my investment in having him on my side has served me well financially and kept me legally protected. Plus, he's a uniquely likable attorney who actively gives back in our community. - Darci, Gladstone, OR”

“I’ve trusted Sussman Shank for more than 10 years on a variety of business transactions – from day-to-day legal questions to our most complex business decisions. I’m confident our partnership with them has helped cement our reputation as a world-class remodeling firm in the Northwest. - Tom Kelly, Neil Kelly Design and Remodeling”

- Oregon State Bar
- Washington State Bar
- United States District Court for the District of Oregon
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

Honors

- Best Lawyers in America® Business Organizations (2024 – 2025)
- Oregon Super Lawyers® (2013 – 2024)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Successful Sale of Privately Held Chemical Manufacturing Company

Sussman Shank LLP represented the founder and principal owner in the successful sale of stock for an Oregon-based chemical manufacturing company to a leading Venture Capital Fund. The \$20 million-plus transaction involved complex considerations, including numerous patents—some licensed to the operating company and others retained by the owner with strategic exceptions to non-competition agreements.

Our team collaborated closely with co-counsel, managing all facets of negotiation, contract drafting, and transaction closing. This comprehensive approach ensured a seamless, well-executed deal that aligned with our client’s goals and preserved valuable intellectual property rights.

Land Use Appeal

We successfully represented a commercial retail client in a bitterly contested appeal of a land use application to expand the retailer's site. The successful appeal quelled the commercial neighbor's attempt to completely close down our client's business.

Real Estate Dispute



Sussman Shank LLP represented an aged individual against the estate of the incapacitated woman's son, who had held a power of attorney for his mother. The son, while acting at times in his fiduciary capacity, had converted and obtained transfers of certain real estate and cash from his incapacitated mother. Sussman Shank LLP prosecuted the case, and through mediation obtained substantial repayment of assets from the deceased son's estate to conservatorship for the benefit of his mother.

Professional Liability

Sussman Shank defended a real estate brokerage firm and its broker against a claim of breach of the brokerage firm's and the professional's duty of care in representing its client. Cross claims were filed by the seller, the buyer, the broker and the brokerage firm. The arbitrator determined in a summary determination before arbitration, that based upon the proof submitted by the brokerage firm and the broker by Sussman Shank LLP, that the plaintiff could not meet the burden of proof to prove its claims, and dismissed the broker and the brokerage firm from arbitration.

Securities Fraud

We represented the owner of a real estate firm who was contacted by a quasi-competitor to determine if a merger was appropriate. After negotiation and diligence, it was determined that the client and the competitor would merge. Immediately after the merger occurred, it was determined that the competitor had been approached by the Securities Exchange Commission regarding a securities fraud violation, and had failed to disclose that obviously material concern. Sussman Shank, on behalf of our client demanded rescission based upon the securities fraud. Within one week our clients had received back all the interest in its corporation and the transaction was rescinded.

Employment Defense

Sussman Shank defended an employer against a terminated employee which was seeking substantial damages for loss of commission. Darin and his team obtained a summary dismissal of the \$141M claim against Sussman Shank's client in the arbitration.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- [Force majeure: contract clause critical to Oregon businesses after COVID-19](#)

- [An M&A Deal in Your Future? Considerations Before You Begin](#)

ORGANIZATIONS

Civic Organizations:

- Home Builders Foundation - Past President
- Rotary Club of Portland - Past President
- Metropolitan Portland Home Builders Association - Past Executive Committee Member

Darin has also been on the Board of Directors of the Multnomah Bar Association, is a past president of the Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, a past chair for Community Law Week, formerly on the Executive Board of the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a past President and Member of the Rotary Club of Portland Charitable Trust Board of Directors.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Darin is passionate about his family, and loves being in the outdoors. Darin can be found hiking the Pacific Northwest, and is an avid snow skier and fisherman.