

## Manufacturing

### Elevated Experience. Down to Earth Pricing.

Manufacturers constantly face various challenges and issues in their day-to-day operations that require a wide range of legal services. Any law firm can tell you that. However, FMJ can skillfully explain to you what those exact challenges and specific issues are and advise you on how to efficiently handle them.

FMJ's Manufacturing attorneys have been holistically representing manufacturers for two decades. From R&D, through supply chain, operations, distribution, and sale channels, we know your challenges. We have a history of efficiently solving our clients' legal issues in every phase of manufacturing.

James Seifert, the head of the practice group, has spent his entire career working in the trenches of manufacturing. Besides holding a Master's degree in Manufacturing Systems and being a licensed patent attorney, he became the Chief Legal Officer of several iconic Minnesota manufacturers because of his recognized legal and business skills.

With all of this experience, we also understand that cost-effectiveness is vital. To address this understanding, we pride ourselves on providing serious value to our manufacturing clients without sacrificing the quality of our legal services. Access to deep manufacturing experience should not be limited to clients with deep pockets and clients with deep pockets should not have to pay more simply because they can.

Like a well-oiled machine, we know manufacturing and our attorneys are committed to helping, protecting, and advancing manufacturing companies, their products, their brand, their employees, and their customers.

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### List of Services

#### Sales

- Corporate account agreements
- Customized employment agreements
- Distribution agreements
- Automobile risk response
- Customer code of conduct compliance
- Agency/representative agreements
- Warranty strategy

#### Brand Protection

- Brand and content protection
- Intellectual property
- Trademark and IP litigation

#### Intellectual Property

- Patents and trademarks and related strategy
- Outside inventor process
- Cease and desist letters and related litigation

#### Research & Development

- Key employment agreements
- R&D trade secret infringement
- Sudden key-employee departure response

#### Finance

- Debt offerings and collections
- Building mortgages
- Factoring receivables
- Loan agreements
- Real estate sales and purchases
- Auditor engagement letters
- Banking relationships

#### Supply Chain

- Raw material and sourcing agreements
- Enterprise software agreements
- Custom software development agreements
- Foreign asset control compliance
- Master service agreements

#### Corporate Governance

- Board structuring and committee charters
- Meeting preparation and record keeping
- Post-acquisition anti-corruption assessment
- Shareholder-Board interaction policy

#### Corporate

- Succession planning and estate planning
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Human resources
- Current HR practices and training
- Legal entity restructuring for tax purposes
- Gun and marijuana policies and compliance
- Workplace premise issues
- Anonymous discrimination response and investigation
- Corporate gifts and entertainment policies
- Employee exit questionnaire
- Minority shareholder rights and buy/sell minority shareholder deals

#### General Legal and Compliance

- Confidential hotline, set-up, execution, and annual review
- Response to FTC/DOJ subpoena
- Whistleblower law and compliance
- Trade sanctions compliance and interpretation

#### Consulting

- Law department operations and metrics
- Industrial hygiene, safety metrics, and related board reporting
- Corporate waste management and environment sustainability program
- And much more.