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As one of the cornerstones of the firm for over 25 years, David represents clients in a wide range of business and real estate transactions, including forming business organizations (corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies), buying and selling businesses, equity buy-ins and buy-outs (including business “divorces”), development, acquisition, sale, and financing of all types of commercial and investment real estate, structuring and completing forward and reverse Section 1031 exchanges, and representing developers and lenders in affordable housing projects. One of David’s greatest strengths is finding common ground for clients in what are often contentious and complex transactions and negotiations. With his quiet confidence and respect for coworkers and clients alike, David has long set the tone for the firm’s lawyers.

EDUCATION

New York University, LL.M., Taxation, 1983

University of Oregon School of Law, J.D., Order of the Coif, 1980

Oregon State University / Portland State University, B.A., with Honors, 1976

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Oregon State Bar, 1980

U.S. District Court, Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stoll Berne

Shareholder, 1987-present

Attorney, 1983-1987

Hon. Robert Campbell and Hon. Thomas J. Young (Oregon Court of Appeals)

Law Clerk, 1980-1981

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Oregon State Bar

Business Law Section, Member

Real Estate and Land Use Section, Member

Taxation Section, Member

Legislative and Executive Committees, Past Member

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Self Enhancement, Inc.

Board Treasurer, 2001-present

Board Member, 1999-present

Holocaust Resource Center

Board Member, 1990-1992

Neighborhood House, Inc.

Board Member, 1983-1989

Board Treasurer and President, 1983-1989

AWARDS

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Lawyer of the Year, Portland: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2024 & 2022

Lawyer of the Year, Portland: Tax Law, 2015