

Forest Industry Law

Helping clients across the working forest economy protect land value, manage operational risk, evaluate contracts, keep operations moving, and plan for long-term growth.

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INTRODUCTION

Fennemore's Forest Industry group advises clients across the working forest economy, including timberland owners, forest products companies, sawmills, wood products manufacturers, forestry companies, logging contractors, haulers, biomass and restoration ventures, investors, lenders, and related service providers. Our attorneys help clients address the legal issues that arise from owning, managing, harvesting, transporting, processing, financing, and commercializing forest resources. We advise on real estate and access issues, contract review and negotiation, transactions, succession planning, governance, labor and employment, workplace safety, insurance recovery, operational risk, and disputes. The group brings together attorneys across business, real estate, natural resources, land use, labor and employment, insurance coverage, mergers and acquisitions, and litigation. That coordinated approach allows Fennemore to support forest industry clients with practical legal guidance tailored to land-based businesses, natural resources operations, and the commercial realities of the forestry sector.

WHAT WE DO

Fennemore helps timberland owners, operators, investors, lenders, contractors, manufacturers, and related businesses make informed decisions, reduce disruption, and protect the long-term value of their land and operations.

Our team advises on

Contract review, drafting, and negotiation

Timber supply agreements

Logging, hauling, and transportation agreements

Mill service contracts

Biomass, biochar, carbon, restoration, conservation, and other forest revenue agreements

Title, access, easements, boundaries, and road use

Land acquisitions, divestitures, and financing

Succession planning and ownership transitions

Governance and closely held business issues

Conservation easements and land use constraints

Regulatory compliance and natural resources issues

Labor, employment, and workplace safety matters

Wildfire, casualty, and operational losses

Insurance coverage and recovery

Indemnity, risk transfer, and contract disputes

Restructuring and creditor issues

Commercial litigation and dispute resolution

We also help clients evaluate emerging revenue opportunities involving biomass, biochar, carbon, restoration, conservation, mitigation, and other forest-related agreements. These agreements can create new value, but they can also affect title, access, financing, management discretion, tax planning, succession, and long-term ownership. Our attorneys help clients understand those implications before they sign.

Forest industry legal issues rarely fit within one practice area. A land issue can affect operations. A contract term can affect production. A succession plan can affect governance. A biomass, biochar, carbon, or conservation agreement can affect future land value and financing. A workplace injury, fire loss, access dispute, or supply interruption can create immediate operational and legal consequences. Fennemore's platform allows clients to work with a coordinated team that understands those connections. Our attorneys serve clients in markets with significant forestry, wood products, biomass, land management, transportation, agriculture, and natural resources activity, including Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, and other western states.

Fennemore helps clients across the forest products sector protect land value, manage operational risk, execute transactions, review and negotiate contracts, resolve disputes, and pursue long-term opportunities across the working forest economy. If you are a timberland owner, operator, investor, or forest products business, we welcome the opportunity to talk about how Fennemore can help.