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Ronald B. Witlen is an attorney in Fennemore's business & finance practice group. He brings a decade of experience in corporate and transactional law, with a career spanning both law firms and in-house counsel roles.

Early in his career, Ronnie worked with a venture capital firm supporting fintech companies, followed by his role in the corporate practice of a Sacramento-based law firm. There, he handled complex transactions including acquisitions, leases, commercial agreements, and financing arrangements. He also applies his LL.M. in Taxation to advise on tax planning, partnership tax matters, tax controversy, and structuring strategies such as insurance-funded buy-sell agreements.

As in-house counsel for a Northern California real estate development company, Ronnie gained valuable insight into internal business operations and decision-making. He led a company-wide restructuring of multiple LLCs and partnerships to support a major portfolio loan, coordinated cost segregation studies, and negotiated lease amendments, terminations, and deferrals with commercial tenants during the pandemic.

Before joining Fennemore, Ronnie worked at a firm focused on venture financings and exits, representing companies in late-stage preferred stock financings, bridge loans, mergers and acquisitions, and negotiations with investment banks and broker-dealers.

At Fennemore, Ronnie leverages his combined law firm and in-house experience to guide clients through complex transactions while helping them navigate day-to-day business and governance challenges.

EDUCATION

LL.M., University of San Diego School of Law

J.D., McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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ADMISSIONS

California

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