

# Shareholder/Partnership Disputes

### Overview

Archer has decades of experience helping business owners address the complex issues tied to ownership disputes. We are fully versed in the various state laws governing disputes between owners of close corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships. Just as importantly, we understand that these business relationships are usually intertwined with long-time personal relationships among family, friends and colleagues. Our extensive experience enables us to guide our clients through these intricate matters so they can achieve a successful resolution that, where possible, does not leave lasting scars.

We understand the challenges inherent in ownership disputes in small-to-midsize companies of all types, from medical and other professional practices, to manufacturing businesses, to retail. Every business is unique, and we treat it that way to help you find a solution that fits your particular circumstances. Where it makes sense, we use our experience to negotiate a resolution that avoids the cost and uncertainty of litigation. But when the situation requires litigation, our experienced team is well prepared to present the case efficiently and effectively. Whether our clients seek an early settlement or it becomes necessary to go the distance in court or arbitration, we work with other Archer practice groups whose expertise is relevant to the issues to deliver practical advice and significant results.

#### Our service areas for clients with business owner disputes include:

- Consultation
- Negotiation
- Litigation
- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Settlement

## Representative Experience

- Successfully represented junior partner in oncology practice, resulting in a settlement that enabled her to separate her practice from senior partner, avoid non-competition and non-solicitation covenants, and resolved discrimination claims.
- Successfully represented 50% owner of closely held corporation against former partner, securing substantial payments for deferred compensation and reimbursement for personal expenses secretly run through corporation by former partner.
- Successfully represented divorced wife against her former husband in business dispute regarding coowned business, establishing entitlement to obtain treble damages and attorney's fees for fraudulent business dealings by the former husband.

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