



Frank E. Farella

In Memoriam – Founding Partner

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Education

- Stanford Law School (L.L.B., 1954)
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Frank Farella and two partners founded the firm, now known as Farella Braun + Martel LLP, in 1962. Throughout his distinguished legal career, Frank maintained a diverse practice in corporate, financial, and international transactions.

Frank supervised many of the firm's mergers and acquisition transactions and played a leading role in the firm's U.S. and international hotel practice, which included Kimpton Hotels and Auberge Resorts. He led the firm's worldwide work in structuring and financing all of Regent International's hotels and Rafael Hotels. He also was responsible for the representation of the Swig Investment Company in connection with the sale of its 50% ownership in the Fairmont Hotels.

Frank has a long history in the wine and beverage alcohol industries and has been a key player in the growth of the Napa Valley as a world-renowned wine market. He led the ongoing representation of several premium Napa Valley wineries and vineyards, as well as numerous mergers and acquisitions transactions. Frank served on the board of directors of the Robert Mondavi Corporation and represented Robert Mondavi with respect to his philanthropic activities, including the establishment of the Robert Mondavi Institute and the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis. Frank's family owns and operates a vineyard and winery in the Napa Valley, Farella Vineyard.

Frank served as president of the Bar Association of San Francisco in 1978. He chaired a California State Bar Committee and authored the California legislation requiring attorneys to arbitrate fee disputes. He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for Corporate Law for almost three decades.

Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Law (1983-2025)