



Richard Young

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Ricky Young leverages practical industry experience combined with thoughtful legal insight to advise corporate entities, developers, owners, financial institutions, and contractors on complex real estate transactions across asset classes. Ricky's experience in complex real estate transactions includes joint ventures and co-investments, acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, mortgage and mezzanine financings, and a range of small and large development projects.

Ricky's upbringing in and around the construction and real estate industry underlies his approach to counseling clients, who, along with Ricky's colleagues, have grown accustomed to seeing a transactional attorney in work boots and a baseball hat. His ties to the construction and real estate industry go back to his childhood, walking jobsites with his father, a second-generation contractor, and working on construction projects throughout high school and college.

Ricky also represents institutional lenders in the negotiation and documentation of loans to borrowers in the wine industry, including real estate acquisition loans, vineyard and winery development loans, non-formula lines of credit to support business operations, and syndicated loan facilities.

Ricky has worked with clients on real estate transactions throughout Northern and Southern California, New York, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Washington, Oregon, and South Carolina. He has advised clients on a broad range of real estate asset classes, including office, life science, multifamily, and industrial, as well as wine and vineyard acquisition and development and non-traditional real estate asset classes such as single-family investment portfolios.

Ricky maintains an active pro bono practice and is on the board of directors of the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance.

Ricky serves on Farella's Learning and Development Committee and Generative AI Task Force Subcommittee. During law school, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable August B. Landis of the United States Bankruptcy Court in the District of Nevada.

Memberships and Affiliations

- Board of Directors, Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance

Experience

Represent Miller Family on Sale of The Silverado Vineyards

Represented the Miller family on the sale of Napa Valley luxury wine producer The Silverado Vineyards to Foley Family Wines. The sale included a 73,000-square-foot winery and 300 acres of vineyards across Napa's Stags Leap District, Coombsville, and Yountville wine regions.

Rhode Island Attorney General Antitrust Investigation of Proposed Merger Between Two Largest

Services

- Construction
- Land Use / Development
- Real Estate
- Wine

Education

- William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (J.D., 2020)
 - . Member, Nevada Law Journal
 - . President, Dispute Resolution Society
 - . Fellow, Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution
 - . 1st Place, 2020 Rendigs National Products Liability Moot Court Competition
 - . Member, Society of Advocates Moot Court Team
- Lee Business School, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (M.B.A., 2020)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas (B.S., 2018)
 - . Finance
 - . magna cum laude, University Honors
 - . Member, UNLV Policy Debate Team; two-time recipient of a national collegiate debate award

Bar Admissions

- California, 2021

Healthcare Systems in Rhode Island

Represent the Rhode Island Attorney General in conducting an antitrust investigation, in coordination with the Federal Trade Commission, of the proposed merger between the two largest healthcare systems in Rhode Island. Following the issuance of the Rhode Island Attorney General's 131-page, single-spaced decision regarding the proposed transaction, the transacting parties abandoned the merger.

Silicon Valley Bank

We assist Silicon Valley Bank's premium wine banking group with structuring, drafting and negotiating loan documents for its winery clients in connection with vineyard and winery acquisition and development loans, short and long term real estate term loans, inventory and accounts receivable secured working capital lines of credit, winery construction loans and loans for buy-outs and recapitalizations.

Publications

July 27, 2023

California Court Issues First Decision Addressing Builder's Remedy; Decision on Related Lawsuit Pending

August 8, 2021

California's Approach to Eviction Moratoriums
CIRE Magazine

Outside the Office

Ricky was born and raised in Petaluma, CA, where he and his wife now live. Outside of the office, Ricky is always on the move. He loves golfing, spending time with his dog, and working on his own construction and development projects in Sonoma County. He enjoys woodworking and, when possible, ends his days in his woodshop until late into the evening.

Ricky and his wife love the outdoors. What (sometimes little) spare time they have outside of work, personal projects, and hobbies, they are on adventures like hiking rim-to-rim(-to-rim) at Grand Canyon, camping, and sitting around the nearest bonfire sharing drinks and stories with friends.