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## Law Practice:

Max is an attorney in the firm's business practice group. He has an entrepreneurial spirit and became an attorney to help business owners realize when they should seek legal advice, bring their ideas to life, and position them for growth and success.

### Real Estate

- Real estate acquisitions and sales
- Commercial leases
- Development agreements
- Commercial and residential loan documentation
- Real estate financing
- General real estate advice

### Corporate, General Business, and Intellectual Property

- Entity formation
- Corporate shareholder agreements and LLC operating agreements

## INDUSTRIES

Beverage

Construction

Hospitality

Manufacturing

Professional Services

Real Estate

## PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Corporate Law

Construction Services &  
Litigation

Real Estate Law

Taxation

- Debt and equity financing transactions
- Business purchase and sale transactions
- Risk management and general operating advice
- Employment, independent contractor, nondisclosure and non-competition agreements
- Commercial financing
- Trademark analysis and advice
- U.S. and state trademark registrations
- Trademark infringement disputes

Prior to joining Cosgrave, Max worked for Farleigh Wada Witt law firm in Portland, Oregon. Before going into private practice, Max served as a judicial extern for U.S. District Court Judge John Acosta and Lane County Circuit Court Judge Curtis Conover. Additionally, Max was an extern at Octagon Football and received hands-on business experience editing NFL player contracts, waivers and agreements. While in law school, he worked as a Student-Athlete Development Graduate Teaching Fellow for the University of Oregon Athletic Department running the Mentor Program and supporting over 400 student-athletes.

## Education & Bar Admissions:

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Max is admitted to the Oregon Bar and the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Oregon in sociology and a minor in business administration. He earned his law degree from University of Oregon School of Law. While in law school, Max was an Articles Editor for the Oregon Law Review.

## Professional/Civic:

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- Junior Board Member, Oregon Sports Authority Foundation
- Board Member, Oregon Hillel
- Pub Talk Committee, Oregon Entrepreneurs Association

- Member, Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
- Member, Multnomah Bar Association Business Law, and Real Estate and Land Use Section
- Member, American Bar Association Business and Real Estate Section
- Member, Oregon Alumni Association
- Mentor, Oregon Student-Athlete Mentor Program
- Member, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland

## Personal:

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Max played football for the University of Oregon from 2006 – 2011. He was invited to walk-on to the football team where he contributed to and played on teams that went to the Las Vegas Bowl, Sun Bowl, Holiday Bowl, Rose Bowl and the National Championship. He earned a scholarship and two letters playing football at University of Oregon.

Prior to law school he was a gold miner for the Fairbanks Gold Company in Fairbanks, Alaska, and was filmed on a National Geographic television show called “Goldfathers”. When Max is not working and rooting for his Oregon Ducks, he enjoys dining at some of Portland’s great restaurants, playing basketball, hiking, and exploring the Northwest with his wife, Jordan, and their black labs named Clover and Dobby.

## Publications:

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“Oregon Appellate Cases – Multiple Adjustments, Single Jurisdiction – Part 2”  
Oregon State Bar, Oregon Real Estate and Land Use Digest, June 2018

“LUBA Remands Multiple Property Line Adjustment Approval to Align with Bowerman”  
Oregon State Bar, Oregon Real Estate and Land Use Digest, December 2017

“Oregon Appellate Cases – Multiple Adjustments, Single Jurisdiction – Part 1”  
Oregon State Bar, Oregon Real Estate and Land Use Digest, October 2017

“No Mulligans for Landowners Once Consent Is Given to a Trespasser”  
Oregon State Bar, Oregon Real Estate and Land Use Digest, December 2016

## Awards:

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In 2018, Max was chosen by his peers to be recognized as a “Rising Star” in the practice area of real estate in the Oregon publication of *Super Lawyers*, an honor reserved for lawyers who have been in practice for 10 years or less or who are 40 years old or under.