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Industries Serviced

Agribusiness

Service Areas

Corporate

Indian & Alaska Native Law

Indian Law

Mergers & Acquisitions

Project and Corporate
Finance & Restructuring

Bar Admissions

Washington

Alaska

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.,
1980, cum laude

Harvard College, A.B., 1977,
magna cum laude; Member,
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

ABOUT RICK

Rick Goldfarb practices primarily in the commercial, banking, corporate and securities law areas. He is experienced in complex commercial transactions, including foreign and domestic sales; secured transactions for banks, other financial institutions and borrowers; and in essentially all aspects of the Uniform Commercial Code. Rick also serves as a general corporate counselor. In the course of his career, he has represented lenders and borrowers in industries as diverse as fishing and shipbuilding, Alaska Native corporations and Indian tribes, timber and paper, agribusiness, and high technology.

Rick served as law clerk to Justice Reuben Goodman, Massachusetts Appeals Court (1980-1981).

HONORS & ACTIVITIES

Professional Honors & Activities

- Named by *Best Lawyers*[®] as Financial Services Regulation Law “Lawyer of the Year,” Seattle, 2016; and Banking Law “Lawyer of the Year,” Seattle, 2009
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] (currently: Banking & Finance Law, Financial Services Regulation Law), 2007-2019
- Fellow (inducted 2011), Board of Regents (2014), American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers
- Co-Chair, Global Trade Practice Group, TerraLex
- Chair, Secured Transactions Subcommittee, Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Committee, American Bar Association (Business Law Section)
- Member, American Bar Association (Alaska Native Law Section)
- Member, Washington State Bar Association (UCC Committee; Business Law Section)

- Member, Alaska Bar Association (Alaska Native Law Section)
- Chairman emeritus, Lawyer Referral and Information Services Committee of the King County Bar Association
- Former member, Neighborhood Legal Information and Referral Clinic Committee, King County Bar Association
- Former member, Lawyer Referral Service of the Washington State Bar Association, King County Bar Association
- Former member, Volunteer Lawyers Services Committee, King County Bar Association
- Former member, Delivery of Legal Services Committee, King County Bar Association

Civic Activities

- Former Vice President – Legal, Boys and Girls Clubs of King County
- Member, Seattle Public Library City Librarian Search Committee
- President, Friends of the Seattle Public Library, 1994-1996
- Member, Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Western Washington
- Member, American Civil Liberties Union

INSIGHTS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Critique of the New Form 5 LLC – An In-Depth Examination of its Workability, Enforceability, and Portability,” (copresenter), Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Annual Institute, 2018
- [“POM Finds Class Decertification Ruling Wonderful,”](#) *Law360*, 2014
- “The New Changes to UCC Article 9A,” *Business Law*, Washington State Bar Association, 2013
- “Homage to Draconia: Enforcement Lessons to Consider Before You Rely on Foreign Collateral,” *Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report*, 2012
- “Banking in Washington,” *Doing Business in Washington, A Guide for Foreign Business and Investments*, 2010
- [“The Food Labeling Provisions of the Health Bill: Preliminary Thoughts,”](#) *The National Law Review*, 2010
- “Monetizing the ‘Green’ in Green Power: Renewable Energy Credits,” *Lex Helius - The Law of Solar Energy: A Guide to Business and Legal Issues*, Stoel Rives LLP, 2009
- “Commercial Contracts,” “When Bad Projects Happen to Good People,” *The Law of Biofuels: A Guide to Business and Legal Issues*, Stoel Rives LLP, 2008
- UCC Revised Article 9 Deskbook (co-editor and coauthor), Washington State Bar Association, 2003
- “Why We Love the UCC” (coauthor), Washington State Bar Association, 1998
- “Article 2A-Leases,” *Montana Commercial Law Handbook*, 1996
- “Article 2A-Leases,” *Washington Commercial Law Deskbook* (2d ed.), 1995

- “The New UCC Articles” (coauthor), Washington State Bar Association, 1995
- “Developments in Leveraged Buyouts,” Northwest Securities Institute, 1990
- “Basic Commercial Forms,” King County Bar Association, 1990
- “Acquisitions Out of Bankruptcy,” Washington State Bar Association, 1985