

Made in the Mid-Willamette Valley: Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C. Attorneys at Law

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Business Description: Attorneys at Law

Employees: During the past 10 years the firm has grown to 25 lawyers and approximately 50 employees including administrative managers, paralegals and professional assistants.

Business Specialties: Corporate & business law; civil litigation; construction law; divorce and family law; employment and labor law; estate planning, trusts, wills and probate; human resources consultation and litigation; medical practices and malpractice defense; real estate transactions and development; school and

public entity law; tax law; and workers' compensation and workplace torts defense.

Business History: The firm was founded in 1928 by Lee Crawford as a general law practice. James Garrett joined approximately 30 years later. It was his vision that the Mid-Willamette Valley needed a full-service law firm, offering legal services for business/corporate, tax, estate planning, real estate, litigation, insurance defense, banking, bankruptcy, employment, construction defect, workers' compensation defense, domestic relations, family, school and government law. Under his guidance, the firm added lawyers and shareholders, while the name of the firm changed numerous times. From the late 1970s to the early 1990s the firm also provided criminal defense law; however, that portion of the firm's practice concluded when shareholder Paul J. DeMuniz was appointed as judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals. While many respected lawyers have worked for and guided this firm and made extensive

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contributions to our communities, in 2007 the firm was branded to reflect its recent history and guidance from James Garrett, John Hemann, and Joseph Robertson. At this time, the firm continues to provide a full range of legal services to businesses, public entities and residents of the Mid-Willamette Valley, and is pleased to represent third and even fourth generation businesses and families.

What is biggest advantage of doing business in the Mid-Willamette Valley? Since 1928, this firm has been deeply involved in this community and has developed positive relationships with businesses that serve this community. The Mid-Valley offers businesses opportunities for growth and GHR has had the pleasure of guiding many successful businesses as they serve our community.

Essential Business Philosophy: Our lawyers are creative problem solvers and skilled advocates who provide comprehensive legal services that address the gamut of our clients' needs.

Best Way to Stay Competitive: We have maintained our focus on integrity and professionalism while cultivating long-term client relationships. Being responsive to our clients' needs while providing consistent excellent results keeps GHR at the forefront of a competitive market.

What is most challenging in Work? Technology presents challenges as we attempt to balance the ever-changing benefit of technology with what best meets the needs of our clients so that our services

are both efficient and cost effective.

Best Business Decision: GHR continues to attract talented young lawyers who bring new energy to the firm. These lawyers benefit from the mentorship and experience of our more seasoned lawyers. Because of our plan for careful growth, the firm's clients enjoy continuity and have peace of mind that their history is a part of our own.

Toughest Business Decision: Balancing expansion in the face of a soft economy while appreciating the need for our clients to stay competitive within the marketplace.

What trends do you see happening in your Industry? Practice areas are becoming increasingly specialized. Gone are the days when one lawyer can hold himself out as being an expert in all areas of the law. Our firm enjoys the benefit of having a team of talented specialists who together provide comprehensive representation.

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Major Clients: Private businesses, public entities, and individuals throughout the mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon and the Northwest.

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