

## History

We enjoy a heritage and legacy as a successful, well-respected leading regional firm, one that has been counted on by blue chip businesses for 140+ years.

### **Our History in Portland**

Lane Powell's Portland history dates back to 1875. William D. Fenton was admitted to the Oregon Bar and began practicing law as a partner at *McCain and Fenton*. Fenton, focused on delivering justice, chose to become a judge. Fenton donated his extensive home library to the University of Oregon, who in turn, built Fenton Hall, a building named in honor of his hard work in the area of law.

In 1918, Fenton passed away. McCain and Fenton was renamed to *Hampson and Nelson*, and moved to the Pacific Building in Portland. From 1918-1990, the firm went through several name changes. In 1944, the firm was renamed *Hampson, Koerner, Young and Sweet*. In 1946, Frank Spears and George Campbell joined the firm, but had no immediate impact on the new name change in 1948; *Koerner, Young, Sweet and McColloch*.

From 1948-1949, John Bledsoe, Herbert Anderson and Oglesby Young joined the firm. They came in time to see the newest name change; *Koerner, Young, McColloch and Dezendorf*. The following year, 1951, William Lubersky joined the firm. In 1965, the firm underwent another name change, *McColloch, Dezendorf and Spears*. In 1969, Lubersky became a named partner of the firm, changing the name to *McColloch, Dezendorf, Spears and Lubersky*. In 1972, Campbell also became a named partner, changing the name to *Dezendorf, Spears, Lubersky and Campbell*.

In 1979, John Bledsoe joined as a naming partner, changing the firm name to *Spears, Lubersky, Campbell and Bledsoe*. Four years later, Anderson and Young were also added to the naming partner group, renaming the firm *Spears, Lubersky, Campbell, Bledsoe, Anderson and Young*. In 1988, the firm was renamed to *Spears, Lubersky, Bledsoe, Anderson, Young and Hilliard*.

In 1990, *Spears, Lubersky, Bledsoe, Anderson, Young and Hilliard* agreed to merge with Seattle-based law firm *Lane, Powell, Moss & Miller*. The merged law firm was named *Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP*. This led to a departure from the Pacific Building in 1999 and in 2005, the firm chose to rename itself as *Lane Powell PC*. In 2011, *Roberts Kaplan LLP* merged with Lane Powell due to the growth and potential that was possible.

### **Our History in Seattle**

The Seattle office of Lane Powell traces its history way back to 1889, when William A. Peters of Pennsylvania joined *Strudwick, Peters & Collins*. In 1891, the firm changed to *Strudwick, Peters & Van Wyck*. In 1893, Van Wyck decided to leave for San Francisco, changing the name of the firm to *Strudwick & Peters* until 1900. John H. Powell arrived in Seattle in 1889, and practiced in the firm of *Stratton, Lewis & Gilman*. In 1900, Peters and Powell entered into a partnership under the name *Peters & Powell*, located in the Dexter Horton Building.

In 1929, W. Bryon Lane was brought in as an associate to the newly named firm, *Peters, Powell, Evans & McLaren*. This same year, Peters passed away, and in 1930, Powell also passed away. In 1935, the firm changed its name to *Evans & McLaren*. The firm also welcomed George V. Powell, John Powell’s son, the same year. In 1939, the firm changed its name to *Evans, McLaren & Lane*. Powell became a naming partner in 1946, changing the name to *Evans, McLaren, Lane & Powell*.

In 1948, William T. Becks, an admiralty specialist, joined the firm as a naming partner and the firm was changed to *Evans, McLaren, Lane, Powell & Becks*. Gordon Moss joined the firm in 1959 and in 1961, William Becks left the firm to accept an appointment as a U.S. District Court Judge. The firm changed to *Evans, McLaren, Lane, Powell & Moss*. In 1966, Pendleton Miller and Wilbur J. Lawrence joined the firm as naming partners, changing the firm to *Lane, Powell, Moss & Miller*. In 1979, the firm expanded to Anchorage, Alaska by merging with *Ruskin, Barker & Hicks*. In 1986, an office in Mt. Vernon, Washington was also opened. *Cohen and Kaplan*, a firm of four attorneys specializing in business, probate and estate planning, and commercial litigation, merged with *Lane, Powell, Moss & Miller* in 1987. The following year two more offices were opened; one in Olympia, Washington and the other in London.

The name *Lane Powell Spears Lubersky* resulted from the merger in 1990 with the Portland-based firm of *Spears Lubersky Bledsoe Anderson Young & Hilliard*. In 2005, the firm changed its name to Lane Powell PC, which is the current name.

## Our History in Anchorage

Our Anchorage office traces its root back to 1979, when attorney James B. Stoetzer merged *Lane, Powell, Moss & Miller* with the Anchorage firm *Ruskin, Barker & Miller*, officially expanding the Firm to Anchorage, Alaska.

## Firm Names throughout the Years:

Portland	Seattle
McCain and Fenton (1875)	Strudwick, Peters & Collins (1889)
Hampson and Nelson (1918)	Strudwick, Peters & Van Wyck (1891)
Hampson, Koerner, Young & Sweet (1944)	Strudwick & Peters (1893)
Koerner, Young, Sweet & McColloch (1948)	Peters & Powell (1900)
Koerner, Young, McColloch & Dezendorf (1950)	Peters, Powell, Evans & McLaren (1929)
McColloch, Dezendorf & Spears (1965)	Evans & McLaren (1935)

McColloch, Dezendorf & Spears & Lubersky (1969)	Evans, McLaren & Lane (1939)
Dezendorf, Spears, Lubersky & Campbell (1972)	Evans, McLaren, Lane & Powell (1946)
Spears, Lubersky, Campbell, Bledsoe (1979)	Evans, McLaren, Lane, Powell & Becks (1979)
Spears, Lubersky, Campbell, Bledsoe, Anderson & Young (1983)	Evans, McLaren, Lane, Powell & Moss (1983)
Spears, Lubersky, Campbell, Bledsoe, Anderson, Young & Hilliard (1988)	Lane, Powell, Moss & Miller (1987)
Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP (1990)	Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP (1990)
Lane Powell PC (2005)	Lane Powell PC (2005)