



A Mantese Legal Minute: Business Breakups

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Disputes among business owners over money and control often lead to business breakups. These disputes highlight the fiduciary duties that directors and those in control have to minority shareholders to make fair decisions about dividends, distributions, information, and control. They also require a careful analysis of shareholder agreements, statutes, and case law.

In four recent business cases, Mr. Mantese and his partners, Doug Toering, Ian Williamson, Ken Chadwell, Fatima Bolyea, and Terry Osgood recovered a total of approximately \$88 Million in cash and property for their clients in litigation in Michigan, Nevada, and Missouri. In litigating these cases, Mantese emphasizes the obligation of directors and controlling shareholders to operate the company for the benefit of all shareholders, not just themselves. This is called the shareholder primacy norm and is discussed in the article, [Business Divorces and the Shareholder Primacy Norm](#).

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