

SHB'S

RETAIL PROPERTY STRATEGIES GROUP



While financial market disruptions and the economic downturn have and will continue to create a multitude of legal and business opportunities and challenges for the retail industry, the full extent of the fallout is not yet known. What is clear, however, is that many retailers face the need to re-evaluate fundamental growth strategies that may result in either acquisition programs or a decision to close, divest or otherwise restructure some or all of their stores.

Retailers need to stay ahead of the curve in assessing their specific situation as these challenges and opportunities come into sharper focus. The changes that flow from current economic conditions do not have to be negative. Those companies that anticipate and manage the risk through perceptive opportunity assessment, strategy and execution will emerge from this cycle in the strongest, most competitive position possible.

Recognizing the need for a legal partner to bring creative and efficient analysis, strategies and implementation, SHB has formed a Retail Property Strategies Group to bring focus to a full range of options for businesses in this fluid environment.

SHB OFFICES ARE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

SHB is committed to providing creative and practical solutions at an unsurpassed value. With over 500 lawyers in Kansas City and offices across the United States and Europe, we offer clients integrated legal services for complex times.

AS AN SHB CLIENT, YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Prompt, cost-effective responses;
- An understanding of your business and early anticipation of and preparation for emerging issues;
- Integrated issues management through preventative measures, internal investigations or audits, public relations strategies, litigation, regulation, legislation, or alternative dispute resolution;
- A diverse team. SHB values the varied perspectives and experiences found in a diverse workplace and strongly believes in collaborating with our clients to improve our own internal diversity initiatives and to share best diversity practices. SHB has won numerous awards that recognize our commitment to diversity, including the 2009 inaugural "Living the Values Award" presented by The Coca-Cola Company.

