



RANGE OF SERVICES

- ▶ Banking, Secured Lending, and Financial Services and Markets
- ▶ Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring
- ▶ Commercial and Municipal Finance
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Corporate, Securities, and Mergers and Acquisitions
- ▶ Cross-Border Litigation
- ▶ Employment, Labor, Benefits and Immigration
- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Intellectual Property
- ▶ Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ▶ Private Equity
- ▶ Real Estate and Real Estate Lending
- ▶ Taxation and Tax Litigation
- ▶ Wealth Planning, Trusts and Estates
- ▶ White-Collar Crime

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Chicago office lawyers are actively involved in the community and serve or have served as board members and leaders in civic and charitable organizations, including:

- ▶ Ancona School
- ▶ Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- ▶ Beverly Farm Foundation
- ▶ Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- ▶ Chicago Foundation for Education
- ▶ Chicago Foundation for Women
- ▶ Chicago History Museum
- ▶ Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- ▶ Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Circle Urban Ministries
- ▶ Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- ▶ Evanston Northwestern Healthcare
- ▶ Engineers Without Borders-USA
- ▶ Franciscan Outreach
- ▶ Health and Disability Advocates
- ▶ Just the Beginning Foundation
- ▶ The Lungevity Foundation
- ▶ Lyric Opera of Chicago Guild
- ▶ Mercy Housing Lakefront
- ▶ Mikva Challenge
- ▶ P.E.O. International
- ▶ Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
- ▶ Respiratory Health Association
- ▶ SGA Youth and Family Services
- ▶ Wisconsin-Illinois Senior Housing (WISH)
- ▶ Young Women’s Leadership Charter School

ACCOLADES



Named a “Best Place to Work” by Crain’s Chicago Business for eight years in a row, from 2017 to 2023.

2023 U.S. News-Best Lawyers rankings for Construction Law, Equipment Finance Law, Health Care Law, Insurance Law, Litigation - Construction and Real Estate Law in Chicago.



Attained Mansfield Certification Plus status in 2022 for the second consecutive year. (“Plus” status indicates that, in addition to meeting or exceeding certification requirements, the firm has successfully reached at least 30 percent diverse lawyer representation in a notable number of current leadership roles.)

Earned 100% rating for LGBTQ Equality from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s Corporate Equality Index.



Chambers AND PARTNERS

Chambers USA citations for Neville M. Bilimoria, Healthcare; Rosanne Ciabrone, Bankruptcy/Restructuring; Jeffrey L. Hamera, Construction; Stanley R. Kaminski, Tax: Controversy; Charles B. Lewis, Construction (Senior Statespeople); Nicholas J. Lynn, Healthcare; Gerald L. Maatman, Jr., Labor & Employment; Brian A. McAleenan, Communications; and John Robert Weiss, Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

Bob Bramnik, Neil Cass, Rosanne Ciabrone, Ken Latimer, Charles Lewis and David Yelin profiled in **Leading Lawyers Network Magazine**.



RECENT MATTERS

- ▶ Represents the **CITY OF CHICAGO** as disclosure counsel for the city's general obligation municipal bond offerings. Advised the city on over **\$1 BILLION** of general obligation bond issues in 2014. As disclosure counsel, assists the city in preparing market disclosure and investor roadshows and in addressing the city's challenges with respect to credit rating, budgetary and debt structuring issues.
- ▶ Represented the **CITY OF CHICAGO** as disclosure counsel in connection with the issuance of **\$833.42 MILLION** City of Chicago General Obligation Bonds, Project and Refunding Series 2014A and 2014B. The proceeds of the bonds are being used to pay for capital projects, equipment and infrastructure improvements, and to refund and restructure existing debt. The offering is the largest general obligation bond offering ever by the City of Chicago. Wells Fargo Securities was the lead manager for the underwriting syndicate.
- ▶ Represented **KOCH FOODS INCORPORATED** in closing a **\$450 MILLION** loan transaction that involved 28 parcels of real estate in Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.
- ▶ Represented **BMO CAPITAL MARKETS** in **\$416 MILLION** City of Chicago General Obligation Bonds.
- ▶ Represented **SIEBERT BRANDFORD SHANK** in the sale of **\$399 MILLION** City of Chicago Second Lien Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012.
- ▶ Represented **THE JONES FINANCIAL COMPANIES, PARENT OF EDWARD JONES**, one of the country's largest full-service brokerage firms, in a **\$320 MILLION** syndicated financing.
- ▶ Represented **CIT, INC. (D/B/A CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS), MCGRENHO L.L.C. (D/B/A INDY TRUCK SALES), INDIANA MACK LEASING, LLC** and **IDEALEASE OF CHICAGO, LLC** in a **\$143 MILLION** truck dealership sale to Rush Enterprises, Inc., which operates the largest network of commercial vehicle dealerships in North America.
- ▶ Represented **AVEE LABORATORIES** in its **\$118 MILLION** sale to publicly traded Alere, Inc. (NYSE: ALR).
- ▶ Represented **JCG FOODS, AN AFFILIATE OF KOCH FOODS**, in winning an auction in connection with an **\$80 MILLION** sale under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, obtaining bankruptcy court approval of the sale and entering into an Asset Purchase Agreement.
- ▶ Obtained on behalf of **FIRSTMERIT BANK, N.A.** an order granting summary judgment in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against four individual defendants in a large, complicated litigation matter in an amount in excess of **\$11 MILLION**.
- ▶ Obtained dismissal and denial of plaintiff's motion to take discovery on behalf of **J.D. NICHOLAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.**, a securities broker dealer, and one of its principals in an action brought by a customer in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois alleging securities fraud.
- ▶ Obtained a dismissal on behalf of **TRACK DATA SECURITIES CORPORATION**, a securities broker, in the **TRIBUNE COMPANY** Fraudulent Conveyance Litigation case. The court found that the client did not clear, carry or hold customers' funds or securities, and did not trade in Tribune shares for its own account.

- ▶ Obtained a dismissal with prejudice of a patent infringement case in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on behalf of **SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY** on the basis that an online customer preference system did not infringe the asserted patents.
- ▶ Represented wholesale tobacco distributors **ARANGOLD CORPORATION** and **IWAN RIES & CO.** in an action that challenged the constitutionality of an ordinance amending the Cook County, Illinois, tobacco tax.
- ▶ Obtained an injunction on behalf of **TRAVELPORT, LP** precluding American Airlines from terminating its contracts with **ORBITZ.COM** and reinstating Orbitz's ability to display and ticket American Airlines flights. Decision affirmed on appeal.

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