

Goldberg Kohn Fact Sheet

Goldberg Kohn is a midsized Chicago law firm where talented, energetic and committed attorneys enjoy the rewards of a sophisticated, commercial law practice without falling victim to the internal competition that often characterizes large firm life. Established in 1976, the firm's practice has increased on a national and international scope and the firm is proud to rank among the finest firms in the Chicago legal community. The firm's clientele include institutional as well as middle market companies, entrepreneurs, state and local governments, and agencies and not-for-profit organizations. Clients benefit from the firm's distinct collaborative philosophy as well as its independence, flexibility, and creativity. This firm-wide attitude has led to long-term and deep relationships with many companies that treat Goldberg Kohn attorneys as integral team members and look to them to help solve some of their most troublesome and complicated problems.

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

Goldberg Kohn has one of the most highly respected commercial finance practices in the country, competing toe-to-toe with the largest firms in the United States. The firm represents a diverse group of banks, commercial finance companies, mezzanine lenders and other institutional lenders in structuring and documenting commercial finance transactions. Goldberg Kohn is known for the depth of its practice, good business sense and the ability to facilitate smooth closings. Goldberg Kohn has also been a pioneer in international asset-based lending, and has one of the most significant and active international lending practices in the U.S. The firm has represented clients in scores of international lending transactions in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

BANKRUPTCY & CREDITORS' RIGHTS

The Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Group at Goldberg Kohn is known as a creative and highly effective team of bankruptcy experts. The group's foundation rests upon serving the firm's commercial lending clients. Whether or not the firm originally documented a deal, agents and individual lenders seek the group's result-driven and efficient approach to troubled credits. Goldberg Kohn lawyers are intimately familiar with the nuances of loan documents, credit policies, market trends, and the politics of syndicated situations. Inter- and intra-class lender negotiations and disputes are a particular specialty, as is litigation involving cash collateral, adequate protection, and post-petition financing issues.

CLIMATE CHANGE & RESOURCE CONSERVATION

The Climate Change & Resource Conservation Group at Goldberg Kohn is evolving in step with various federal, state, local, and international laws and regulations involving renewable energy financing, development and deployment, carbon emission capture, sequestration and trading market, and efficient and sustainable energy and other natural resource use. With its depth of experience and penchant for innovation, Goldberg Kohn's Climate Change & Resource Conservation Group is well positioned to effectively guide clients through the myriad of issues that will confront them as these new regulations and opportunities unfold.

CORPORATE

The Corporate, Securities & Tax Group at Goldberg Kohn is a versatile group of experienced business counselors and advocates. The firm's business clients rely on the group for practical, experience-based advice that has been built up over decades of representing and advising private equity investors, public and private businesses and business owners. Goldberg Kohn's corporate lawyers help to achieve the business objectives of a wide range of business entities spanning the manufacturing and distribution, financial and professional services, technology, education and not-for-profit sectors.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Businesses place ever-increasing importance and value on their proprietary information, creative capital and corporate identities, and Goldberg Kohn combines transactional and litigation specialists who understand how to protect that valued property. The firm counsels clients with respect to all aspects of their trademarks, copyrights, domain names, patents, trade secrets, licensing/distribution agreements and advertising. The Intellectual Property Group's clients include major manufacturers, retailers, entertainment media and not-for-profit entities and the firm has developed special industry teams for the musical instrument and toy industries.

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

Many commercial law firms treat labor and employment matters as an afterthought, or as "commodity" work. Goldberg Kohn realizes that the best employers demand a different approach. The firm's Labor and Employment Group knows that proactive, top-shelf labor and employment guidance is crucial to building a productive working environment. In today's economy, the ability to retain good employees and effectively deal with those who are not adding value differentiates surviving companies from thriving companies.

LITIGATION

Goldberg Kohn's litigators combine professional aggressiveness with legal creativity. The firm has particular experience in counseling and litigation involving business-to-business disputes, banks, lenders and other financial institutions, complex workouts, corporate restructuring and bankruptcies, intellectual property, trade secret and restrictive covenants, labor and employment issues, the prosecution of substantial claims of defrauding federal and state governments (*qui tam* claims), insurance and brokerage firms, complex tax issues, real estate development, financing and foreclosures, prosecuting and defending class, collective and multi-district litigation, and federal and state appeals.

REAL ESTATE

Goldberg Kohn's Real Estate Group is respected as one of the best real estate departments in Chicago and is experienced in virtually every aspect of real estate transactions. The depth of the firm's practice encompasses every aspect of commercial property transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, developments, financings, hotel, retail, office, senior housing, industrial and specialty leasing, construction, sale and leasebacks, synthetic leasing, workouts and bankruptcies and environmental issues.

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