Goldberg Kohn Overview

Legal Excellence. Market Savvy.

1976	90	20+	5 Practices
Founded	Attorneys	Years Chambers Ranked	Ranked Nationally by Best Lawyers

About Our Firm

Goldberg Kohn provides big firm transactional and litigation skills and experience with the attentiveness expected from a boutique law firm. We bring a lean, partner-led model to our transactional and litigation practices, while practicing toe-to-toe with the largest, most prestigious law firms in the United States and beyond. Our attorneys align legal representation, strategy, and tactics with our clients' business objectives and tailor our representation to matter-specific dynamics, drawing on a deep understanding of our clients and their industries.

While Goldberg Kohn has a single office in Chicago, our attorneys represent clients throughout the United States and internationally. In addition, as a member of Meritas - a prestigious global alliance of independent law firms — our clients gain seamless access to trusted, pre-vetted legal counsel in jurisdictions around the world.

Core Firm Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Goldberg Kohn's Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights practice is a recognized leader in the middle-market dedicated to protecting and enforcing creditors' rights in the course of non-public restructurings, reorganizations, sales, liquidations, receiverships, out-of-court workouts, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and debt for equity transactions. We have considerable experience with high-yield, distressed debt, intercreditor and subordinated debt matters. We represent major banks, non-banks, hedge funds, BDCs and other private debt providers in matters throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and in many locations across the globe.

Commercial Finance

Goldberg Kohn's Commercial Finance practice represents banks, commercial finance companies, direct lenders, private credit investors and other institutional lenders in structuring, negotiating, documenting and closing a wide range of lending transactions, including asset-based and cash-flow loans, unitranche structures, leveraged buyouts and mezzanine financings. We are engaged in acquisition financings, recapitalization financings, refinancings, and other complex financial arrangements requiring institutional debt, and "trouble spot" deal structures and documentation, often representing the lead agent in syndicated and club facilities. Additionally, our lawyers have extensive experience in bilateral and syndicated credit facilities, often representing agent banks, and are equally adept at handling split-lien and multi-lien structures.

Corporate Law & Transactions

Goldberg Kohn's Corporate Group represents start-ups, private equity investors, public and private companies, family offices, partnerships, entrepreneurs, individuals, and institutional investors in complex business transactions. Additionally, we provide general corporate advice and day-to-day counseling, often serving clients as general or principal outside counsel. Our lawyers advise clients on mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances, dispositions, leveraged buyouts, private financings, and debt and equity restructurings.

Intellectual Property

Our Intellectual Property Group includes transactional and litigation attorneys who help clients stake a claim, avoid conflicts and defend rights. We manage due diligence inquiries in connection with the acquisition and sale of businesses and help clients with every facet of their corporate identities, including trade names, logos, trade dress, domain names, social media channels, and website designs. Our attorneys assist clients in protecting and capitalizing on their trademarks, copyrights, patents, domain names and trade secrets, and regularly provide strategic counseling, clear new marks, prosecute U.S. trademark registrations, coordinate global trademark portfolios and docket clients' registrations for maintenance and renewal worldwide.

International Lending

Goldberg Kohn’s International Lending attorneys are global leaders in cross-border financing and assist large banks, non-bank institutions, private equity funds and many other organizations in structuring and documenting international commercial finance transactions. We have been at the cutting edge of cross-border lending since the late 1980s and have extensive knowledge of lending matters in Europe, Asia, and South and Central America, with a particular focus on Western Europe, Australia, Mexico and Canada.

Labor & Employment

Goldberg Kohn's Labor & Employment lawyers offer vast experience advising employers nationwide with respect to their policies and practices and defending them in disputes with their employees before courts and in mediations or arbitrations. Our team assists clients through decisions regarding hirings, layoffs and terminations; advise on the labor/employment implications of significant corporate transactions, such as mergers, sales, acquisitions, workouts and bankruptcies; and represent clients before federal and state courts, local, federal and state agencies, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board and the Department of Labor. Additionally, we have litigated and tried single plaintiff, multi-plaintiff and class action employment cases involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, FEHA, violation of public policy, and a variety of state law tort claims.

Litigation

Goldberg Kohn’s litigators represent clients in trial and appellate courts at the federal and state level, before administrative tribunals, and in arbitrations, mediations and other dispute resolution proceedings. We also represent clients in connection with proceedings involving government agencies. We have a wealth of experience in banking and finance litigation, class action defense, false advertising and deceptive trade practice litigation, policyholders’ insurance coverage, product liability and toxic tort litigation, professional malpractice, shareholder disputes, and white-collar defense, among other areas.

Real Estate

Goldberg Kohn’s Real Estate Group represents clients in every aspect of commercial property transactions across the country, including acquisitions, dispositions, financings, ground-up construction, sale and leasebacks, space leasing, ground leasing, renewable energy generation and distribution, workouts and bankruptcies, and environmental issues. We have considerable national experience with all property types, including franchise and boutique hospitality properties, single and multi-tenant office, retail, multi-family apartment, senior housing and industrial properties, among others.

Taxation

Our tax attorneys counsel both domestic and international clients on corporate acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, structured finance transactions, tax controversies, and cross-border tax issues. In addition, we have vast experience with debt workouts, modifications, debt-equity swaps, foreclosure and cancellation of debt tax reporting responsibilities, trust fund tax penalties, and federal tax liens.