

CORPORATE

AT A GLANCE

Our cross-border corporate practice represents a wide spectrum of business interests around the world, from *Fortune* Global 50 companies to venture backed start-ups and the financial institutions that support them. As highly skilled business lawyers focused on solving complex business problems, we act as strategic partners in the execution of our clients' capital raising and corporate development plans. We emphasize well-rounded transactional skills, resulting in counsel with broad experience and perspective. Our corporate lawyers work closely with the lawyers in our other practice areas to provide seamless and timely advice.

Experience

In operation since 1941, we have had many years to refine our corporate skills. Poised to handle a wealth of corporate concerns, we advise businesses around the world in diverse industries. We are particularly knowledgeable in the following areas.

- *Finance and banking:* Our team represents international commercial banks, institutional investors, investment banks and funds, corporate and special purpose borrowers, and other financial institutions. We advise on numerous types of transactions and financial products, including private placements, leveraged and asset-based financings, syndicated and bilateral lending, leveraged leasing, credit-enhanced financings, derivatives transactions, and commercial banking and securitizations.
- *Financial services and funds:* Our multi-disciplinary team of lawyers provides those in financial services with advice on investment fund structuring for hedge and private equity funds, regulatory issues under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and service provider agreement negotiation.
- *International corporate finance:* We provide effective advice and management on all types of corporate finance transactions for local and international issuers, investors, and financial intermediaries, including coordinators, lead managers, underwriters and financiers.
- *Mergers and acquisitions:* Our globally integrated team of corporate lawyers represents clients in both friendly and contested public company acquisitions, proxy contests, stock and asset acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures. We have extensive experience in complex cross-border transactions and work closely with members of our tax, antitrust and other practice groups.
- *Private equity:* We advise leading private equity firms, entrepreneurs and emerging companies on venture capital agreements, joint ventures, fund formations, early and late-stage investments, and leveraged buyouts and recapitalizations. We work with emerging companies in industries ranging from software, information technology (IT) and business services to telecommunications, life sciences and media.
- *Real estate:* Lawyers in our corporate practice provide comprehensive services to those engaged in the acquisition, development, construction, financing, leasing, ownership, operation, management and disposition of real estate. We assist in structuring transactions and ownership interests, acquiring and disposing of properties and interests, obtaining permits, negotiating construction contracts, obtaining financing, licensing and leasing.
- *Restructuring and insolvency:* We offer a fully integrated, broad-based troubled business advisory practice and counsel on all aspects of distressed transactions. Our lawyers are seasoned debtor, creditor, committee and special counsel in a wide variety of engagements, both pre- and post-bankruptcy filing, with especially deep experience in the telecommunications and health care sectors.
- *Securities:* We represent issuers and underwriters in the full range of capital market transactions around the world, ranging from small, unregistered private placements to multibillion-dollar public offerings. We also advise on public reporting requirements and listing requirements of the world's major exchanges.

Scope of Services

- Corporate responsibility
- Finance & banking
- Hedge funds
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Private equity
- Real estate
- Restructuring & insolvency
- Securities
- Structured finance & derivatives

Our Team

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International Reach

McDermott's practice easily serves clients with cross-border corporate needs. Our corporate lawyers in Italy, the United Kingdom and Germany counsel on all general corporate matters as well as cross-border transactions, joint ventures, litigation and restructuring. We handle mergers and acquisitions, financing, commercial issues, capital markets and private equity for various-sized companies on an international scale.

Awards & Recognition

Our corporate practice is globally recognized.

- *PLC Which Lawyer?* Global 50 (formerly *Global Counsel* 3000) recognized our dispute resolution, media and restructuring/insolvency practices.
- *PLC Which Lawyer?* Global 50 (formerly *Global Counsel* 3000) named several of our European lawyers "leading" in their fields.
- *Chambers USA* ranked us highly in several states, including Illinois, Massachusetts and New York.

Our Firm

McDermott Will & Emery is a leading international law firm with a diversified business practice. We represent a wide range of commercial, industrial and financial enterprises, both publicly and privately held. Our clientele include some of the world's largest corporations, small and medium-sized businesses, and individuals.

Currently numbering 1,100 lawyers, we have offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Munich, New York, Orange County, Rome, San Diego, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. McDermott Will & Emery has a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices (Shanghai).