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Antitrust – Cartel - NEW			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	n/a	Raymond Jacobsen (NEW) in this area Stefan Meisner (NEW) Paul Thompson (NEW) Nicole Castle (NEW) Mary Strimel (NEW)	n/a
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's 65-strong US team, which is led by Raymond Jacobsen, handles a mix of federal and state-level grand jury investigations, as well as matters initiated by the FTC, the European Commission and national antitrust authorities based worldwide. Illustrative of the extensive experience of the group, its workload has previously spanned areas such as chemicals, vitamins and heavy lift shipping. Stefan Meisner, Paul Thompson and Nicole Castle are other members of the team, which acts for clients such as Amgen, Lockheed Martin and Mars. Mary Strimel joined the firm from the DOJ, where she had served as chief of one of two antitrust criminal enforcement sections in Washington DC.</p>			

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Antitrust - Civil litigation/class actions			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4	Jeffrey Brennan (NEW) Joel Chefitz Jon Dubrow (NEW) in this area David Hanselman (NEW) Raymond Jacobsen Stephen Wu	Joel Chefitz Stephen Wu
Editorial			
Civil litigation/class actions At McDermott Will & Emery LLP, a bedrock of the firm's work is in civil litigation associated with grand jury investigations into matters such as bid-rigging and price-fixing. Its team, which is led by Raymond Jacobsen from Washington DC, also has expertise in antitrust cases involving contentious intellectual property issues and merger challenges. A particular hallmark of the practice is its strong track record in healthcare antitrust work; Washington DC-based Jeffrey Brennan , the former head of the FTC's healthcare services division, and Chicago-based Stephen Wu are among the names to note in this space. Chicago-based David Hanselman and Joel Chefitz and Washington DC's Jon Dubrow are other recommended individuals. Bilal Sayyed joined the Washington DC office from Kirkland & Ellis LLP in 2016.			

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Antitrust - Merger Control			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Jeffrey Brennan (NEW) William Diaz (NEW) Jon Dubrow Joel Grosberg (NEW) Michelle Lowery Carla Hine (NEW) Raymond Jacobsen Mary Strimel (NEW) Stephen Wu (NEW) in this area	Michelle Lowery (NEW) Raymond Jacobsen (NEW) Jon Dubrow (NEW)
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP recently hired ex-DOJ lawyer Mary Strimel, who has previous experience in investigating and litigating mergers within the Antitrust Division's Networks and Technology Enforcement Section. Raymond Jacobsen leads the group, which has a particularly standout reputation in healthcare and hospital mergers. In 2016, among several matters, Stephen Wu (Chicago), Jeffrey Brennan and Carla Hine assisted Hackensack University Medical Center with the antitrust aspects of its merger with Meridian Health, and also with Banner Health's acquisition of Mogollon Health Alliance. Jon Dubrow, Joel Grosberg, William Diaz (Orange County) and Michelle Lowery (Chicago) are recommended. Unless otherwise stated, named attorneys are based in Washington DC.</p>			

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Dispute Resolution: Appellate			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Supreme Court (federal and state) Tier 4 Courts of appeals Tier 3	Supreme Court (federal and state) Tier 3 Courts of appeals Tier 3	Miller Baker Mark Pearlstein (NEW)	Miller Baker
Editorial			
<p>At McDermott Will & Emery LLP, Miller Baker and Boston-based Mark Pearlstein successfully petitioned the US Supreme Court for certiorari in <i>Universal Health Services v United States ex rel Escobar</i>, concerned with the scope of implied certification liability under the False Claims Act. A cross-practice team including Baker secured a unanimous dismissal of an antitrust claim against Constellation Brands and Anheuser-Busch at the Ninth Circuit, arising from the anticipated merger of Anheuser-Busch and Grupo Modelo. Other highlights included a successful opposition, on behalf of Evonik, to plaintiffs' petition for writ of certiorari in a claim for additional benefits under a supplemental executive retirement plan.</p>			

Dispute Resolution: General commercial disputes			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 3	Anthony Bongiorno (NEW) Russell Hayman (NEW)	Daniel Alberti
Editorial			
<p>Healthcare litigation is a sweet spot for McDermott Will & Emery LLP, which is also well versed in financial litigation and tax controversies. Product liability cases also feature; Anthony Bongiorno in Boston is representing key client ExxonMobil in litigation brought by state claimant Rhode Island against major players in the oil industry. Its office network means it has partners on the ground in strategic locations across the country; key figures include Russell Hayman in Los Angeles.</p>			

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Dispute Resolution: International Trade			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Carolyn Gleason David Levine Raymond Paretzky	Carolyn Gleason David Levine Raymond Paretzky
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's practice covers export controls and economic sanctions compliance advice as well as trade litigation, including anti-dumping and WTO cases. Practice head David Levine and Raymond Paretzky are representing Illinois Tool Works in several anti-dumping and customs duty matters before the DOC and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. Levine is also noted for his export controls and sanctions work, where he represents clients including Owens Corning and Alere on compliance and licensing issues, among other matters. Carolyn Gleason is another pivotal member of the team and, having formerly served for almost two decades on the president's US Agricultural Private Sector Advisory Committee, provides unique insight into the agribusiness sector on trade policy matters.</p>			
Dispute Resolution: Product liability and Mass Tort Defense (Toxic Tort)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	Terrence Dee James Pardo (NEW) in this area Peter Sacripanti Anthony Upshaw (NEW)	Terrence Dee Peter Sacripanti
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's product liability department has strong experience acting for a broad range of clients, including oil and gas, technology</p>			

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and chemical companies. New York-based **James Pardo** has been defending long-term client ExxonMobil in an MDL alleging environmental contamination brought by private parties, public water providers and sovereign states. Practice co-head **Anthony Upshaw** in Miami has been representing Monsanto in a number of mass torts alleging that the company's chemical product PCB caused the plaintiffs to develop lymphoma. The team, which is also led by **Terrence Dee** in Chicago, includes oil and gas expert **Peter Sacripanti** in New York.

Dispute Resolution: Securities Litigation – Defense

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4	Frederic Firestone Steve Scholes Jeffrey Stone	Joel Chefitz Frederic Firestone Steve Scholes Jeffrey Stone

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP's team spans offices across the US and is strong in both SEC enforcement matters and securities litigation. **Frederic Firestone** in Washington DC leads the firm's SEC defense practice and co-chairs the FCPA practice. He won a complete victory for John Flannery in an SEC enforcement action arising from communications to investors during the subprime mortgage crisis. In Chicago, experienced trial lawyer **Steve Scholes** is representing the former manager and former chief risk officer of AlphaMetrix Group in litigation arising from the company's financial failure. **Jeffrey Stone** is also recommended.

Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 5	Tier 4	Gordon Greenberg Russell Hayman David Rosenbloom	Gordon Greenberg Russell Hayman Todd Harrison

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		Steven Scholes	David Rosenbloom
Editorial			
<p>The 'big hitters' at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, led by Los Angeles-based Gordon Greenberg, are 'particularly strong in the healthcare space'. Fellow Los Angeles lawyer Russell Hayman represented 21st Century Oncology and Lexington Medical Center in FCA investigations, while Chicago's David Rosenbloom represented Amgen in a multi-state consumer protection investigation. His colleague in the same office, Steven Scholes, represented the former manager of AlphaMetrix Group in a CFTC investigation arising from the company's failure.</p>			

Finance: Commercial lending: advice to borrowers			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4 (NEW)	Michael Boykins Stephanie McCann Gary Rosenbaum	Michael Boykins Stephanie McCann Gary Rosenbaum Kathy Schumacher
Editorial			
<p>Spread across its Chicago, Los Angeles and Silicon Valley offices, McDermott Will & Emery LLP's practice is a popular choice for borrower work, with particular strength acting for private equity sponsors such as Peak Rock Capital and TriplePoint Capital. In an illustration of its private equity and healthcare-sector credentials, the firm recently advised Ares Management on the financing to support the recapitalisation of Ob Hospitalist Group. Another major client of the firm is H.I.G Capital, which it advised on the financing of several transactions, including the acquisition of Symplicity Corporation and the takeover of Akcros Holdings by Valtris Specialty Chemicals, an H.I.G. Capital portfolio company. Michael Boykins, Stephanie McCann and Gary Rosenbaum jointly head the 15-partner team.</p>			

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Finance: Not-for-profit (non-profit and tax exempt organizations)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	Bernadette Broccolo Gary Gertler Michael Peregrine Ira Rappeport	Bernadette Broccolo Gary Gertler Michael Peregrine Ira Rappeport
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP is a go-to firm for healthcare clients, advising nonprofit hospitals and other types of tax-exempt healthcare organizations on a variety of matters. Representative highlights included advising Ascension Health (the largest nonprofit health system in the US) on a transaction involving the sale of certain assets of Carondelet Health Network to a newly formed joint venture owned by various other healthcare entities. The firm also led on a matter for Prime Healthcare Foundation, closing a \$200m financing transaction. For key New York client Maimonides Medical Center, the firm advised on a strategic affiliation and developing of outpatient networks with North Shore-LIJ - the largest health system in the State of New York. The nonprofit practice also represents numerous other tax-exempt clients, such as universities, trade and professional associations, religious organizations and foundations. Ira Rappeport and Gary Gertler are recommended in the Los Angeles office, with Michael Peregrine and Bernadette Broccolo the key names in Chicago.</p>			

Finance: Restructuring (including bankruptcy) – municipal <i>[please note this section previously titled as municipal bankruptcy]</i>			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Nathan Coco William Smith Alexandra Scheibe (NEW) David Taub Timothy Walsh (NEW)	Nathan Coco William Smith David Taub Douglas Youngman

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		Douglas Youngman	
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP advises financial institutions in municipal restructuring and insolvency matters, and had notable roles in the Detroit bankruptcy, advising US Bank and Barclays. It has also been representing Goldman Sachs Asset Management in Puerto Rico in connection with significant amounts of general obligation and COFINA junior bonds, and has been advising Barclays as underwriter in relation to up to \$840m worth of bonds to be issued by the Chicago public school board. Timothy Walsh heads the restructuring practice, which includes fellow New York attorneys Alexandra Scheibe, Douglas Youngman and David Taub as well as Nathan Coco and William Smith in Chicago.</p>			

Industry Focus: Energy: renewable/alternative			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Philip Tingle (NEW) Debra Harrison (NEW)	--
Editorial			
<p>Miami-based Philip Tingle heads the team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, which is particularly active in project finance and development, although it also handles PPAs. Tax equity structuring is a strength, and Tingle and Washington DC's Debra Harrison advised Morgan Stanley on the restructuring of a tax equity structure comprising \$2bn worth of assets. The team also acted for Credit Suisse in several structured finance and renewable project matters.</p>			

Industry Focus: Energy: Transactions Conventional Power			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 6	Tier 4	Philip Tingle (NEW) Madeline Tully (NEW) Joel Hugenberger (NEW) David Mathus (NEW)	--

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McDermott Will & Emery LLP's team, which has strong tax capabilities, is headed by Miami-based Philip Tingle , supported in New York by Madeline Tully . Renewables-related power work is the department's calling card: in this space it handles fund formation, tax equity structuring, project acquisitions and PPAs. Clients include Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse. Joel Hugenberg and David Mathus in New York are also recommended.

Industry Focus: Environment: Litigation			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4	James Pardo Jacob Hollinger (NEW) Lisa Gerson (NEW)	James Pardo Peter Sacripanti Todd Wiener Craig Zimmerman

Editorial
McDermott Will & Emery LLP is noted for its strength in the energy sector, and has significant expertise in product liability, toxic tort and environmental contamination litigation. James Pardo acts for clients in the oil and gas, healthcare and technology sectors, and continues to represent ExxonMobil in various mass tort, product liability, environmental contamination and natural resource damage cases brought by public water providers. The firm also acts for Martin County, Florida in a dispute against the US Department of Transportation regarding a proposed intercity passenger railroad. Jacob Hollinger handles compliance and litigation for manufacturing and financial sector clients, and Lisa Gerson advises on toxic tort, product liability and environmental regulation issues. All named individuals are based in New York.

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Healthcare (Health Insurers)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 1	Tier 1	*Joel Michaels (Leading Lawyer) Stephen Bernstein (NEW) in this area Gary Scott Davis Ankur Goel James Owens (NEW) Vernessa Pollard (NEW)	*Joel Michaels (Leading Lawyer) Gary Scott Davis Ankur Goel Susan Nash Joan Polacheck Peter Rich
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP is a major player in the healthcare industry, with its reputation in healthcare insurance and service provider matters being highly regarded. The team's prowess in handling regulatory matters, transactions and litigation work is demonstrated with its work for Florida Blue, with recent matters for the client including Washington DC-based Joel Michaels and Miami-based Gary Davis advising on Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D, as well as establishing a joint venture with Crucial Care. Michaels also worked alongside Washington DC-based Ankur Goel to assist the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association with healthcare reform implementation and compliance. Humana and Univision are also clients. Boston-based Stephen Bernstein heads the practice, which has been augmented by the recent hires of James Owens in Los Angeles and Vernessa Pollard in Washington DC, who joined from Paul Hastings LLP and Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP respectively.</p>			

Healthcare (Service Providers)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 1	Tier 1	*Bernadette Broccolo (Leading Lawyer) *Gary Davis (Leading Lawyer) *Chris Jedrey (Leading Lawyer)	*Bernadette Broccolo (Leading Lawyer) *Gary Davis (Leading Lawyer) *Chris Jedrey (Leading Lawyer)

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		*Kerrin Slattery (Leading Lawyer) *Eric Gordon (Leading Lawyer) Stephen Bernstein John Callahan Emily Cook (NEW) James Owens (NEW) Vernessa Pollard (NEW) Harris Siskind (NEW) in this area Jerry Sokol (NEW)	*Kerrin Slattery (Leading Lawyer) *Eric Gordon (Leading Lawyer) Stephen Bernstein Charles Buck John Callahan Ira Coleman David Ivill
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Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP provides ‘*exceptional service*’ and is ‘*very knowledgeable and efficient*’. It is renowned in the healthcare industry for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory strategy matters and False Claims Act litigation, in addition to which the practice has a broad geographic footprint. Chicago-based **John Callahan**, who is head of the firm’s international health M&A practice, worked alongside Miami-based global transactions practice head **Harris Siskind** to advise Universal Health Services on a joint transaction with the Pritzker family to buy the equity interests of Foundations Recovery Network for \$350m. In other work, Miami-based **Jerry Sokol** is assisting with Surgery Partners’ acquisition strategy, including the buyout of an autism care services (ASC) practice and pain practice. Other clients include Trinity Health, Steward Healthcare System and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The Boston-based practice head **Stephen Bernstein** has expertise in HIPAA matters and private equity transactions; the team also includes Los Angeles-based **Emily Cook** who is ‘*bright, thorough and very efficient*’. **James Owens** joined the Los Angeles office from Paul Hastings LLP and **Vernessa Pollard** the Washington DC office from Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP.

Healthcare (Life Sciences)

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4	Paul DeStefano (NEW) William Gaede	Byron Kalogerou William Gaede

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		Byron Kalogerou Kristian Werling (NEW)	
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP is best known for its corporate and IP practice. In one highlight, the team secured a jury trial victory for Amgen in a patent suit brought against Sanofi and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals regarding the new generation of cholesterol lowering drugs, and advised Seikagaku on its Supartz FX distribution agreement with Bioventus. The group is led by Boston-based Byron Kalogerou and also includes Chicago-based Kristian Werling plus William Gaede and Paul DeStefano, who are both based in Silicon Valley.</p>			

Industry Focus: Insurance (Advice to Insurers)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
--	--	*Margaret Warner (Leading Lawyer)	*Margaret Warner (Leading Lawyer)
Editorial – n/a			

Industry Focus: Insurance (Non-Contentious)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
--	--	*Thomas Jones (Leading Lawyer)	*Thomas Jones (Leading Lawyer)
Editorial – n/a			

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Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution (including re-examination and post-grant proceedings)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 1	Tier 1	*Mark Itri (Leading Lawyer) Stephen Becker Kristin Connarn (NEW) Edward Gordon (NEW) Michael Dreznes (NEW - listed in Next Generation Lawyers) Bernard Knight (NEW) Hosang Lee (NEW) Ahsan Shaikh (NEW - listed in Next Generation Lawyers) Robert Underwood	*Mark Itri (Leading Lawyer) Stephen Becker Jeremy Harrison Carey Jordan Iona Kaiser Robert Underwood
Editorial			
<p>Recent developments at McDermott Will & Emery LLP include the arrival of Boston-based Edward Gordon from Foley & Lardner LLP, and the acquiring of a number of new clients, including Juno Therapeutics, General Electric, Hisense and Ascend Performance Materials. The firm's client list also features tech giant Google, on behalf of which it has filed thousands of patents in recent years, and electronics multinational Panasonic, on behalf of which it manages a large quantity of patents covering a wide range of technologies and products. In Boston, Robert Underwood and Kristin Connarn assisted Pulmatrix and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company with their global patent prosecution and IP strategies. The group's recent IPR highlights include representing Qiagen in filing five petitions relating to the vitro diagnostic tests for the detection of tuberculosis, and securing two victories in IPRs for Ericsson regarding two patents owned by Intellectual Ventures. Other notable names include Orange County's Mark Itri and Michael Dreznes, Chicago-based Ahsan Shaikh and the Washington DC trio of Hosang Lee, Stephen Becker and Bernard Knight.</p>			

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Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation (Full Coverage)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Sarah Columbia William Gaede (NEW) in this area David Dolkas (NEW)	Sarah Columbia Jay Reiziss Fabio Marino
Editorial			
<p>Boston-based Sarah Columbia heads the practice at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, which provides patent litigation and prosecution advice as part of an integrated platform, and has a strong track record in handling matters in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, chemical and technology sectors. In a recent highlight, the team secured a trial victory for Amgen in a patent suit brought against Sanofi regarding a new generation of cholesterol lowering drugs, where Amgen's three patents were found to be valid and infringed. The firm also obtained a string of trial wins for BlackBerry, including a victory over Mobile Communications Technologies in the Northern District of Texas. William Gaede and David Henry Dolkas are the key figures in Silicon Valley.</p>			

Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation (International Trade Commission)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	*Jay Reiziss (Leading Lawyer- NEW) Daniel Foster Charles McMahon Paul Schoenhard (NEW)	Sarah Columbia Daniel Foster Charles McMahon Melissa Nott Davis Jay Reiziss
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's highly regarded ITC litigation specialists Jay Reiziss and Chicago-based Charles McMahon represented ZTE in a number of matters, including securing victories before the ITC relating to nine patents declared essential to telecoms standards as well as ongoing cases</p>			

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before the PTAB and various federal district courts. The team also defended Bestway in a patent infringement case filed by Intex Technologies regarding inflatable products. Orange County-based **Daniel Foster** counts Panasonic, Nintendo and Qualcomm among his clients. The group expanded with the hire of **Paul Schoenhard** from Ropes & Gray LLP in January 2017.

Intellectual Property: Trade Secrets *[please note this section was previously covered under litigation: trade secrets]*

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	*Eric Hagen (Leading Lawyer) Daniel Alberti Fabio Marino Judy Mohr Michael Morgan (NEW) Mark Schreiber (NEW)	*Eric Hagen (Leading Lawyer) Daniel Alberti Fabio Marino Judy Mohr

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP's team is acting for Seagate in a dispute with Convolve, which includes claims of trade secret misappropriation, patent infringement and other contractual and business tort claims totaling over \$1bn. **Fabio Marino** in Silicon Valley acted for Diablo Technologies in a misappropriation of trade secrets claim brought by Netlist. Other highlights included filing a complaint and preliminary injunction motion for NaturaLawn against Peaceful Valley. Dalmatia Import Group is also a client. **Michael Morgan** and **Mark Schreiber** joined the firm's Los Angeles and Boston offices from Jones Day and Locke Lord LLP respectively. **Daniel Alberti** and **Judy Mohr** in Silicon Valley head the practice. **Eric Hagen** in Los Angeles is another name to note.

Intellectual Property: Trademarks Litigation

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	*Robert Zelnick (Leading Lawyer) John Dabney	*Robert Zelnick (Leading Lawyer) John Dabney

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McDermott Will & Emery LLP is well known for its work in the food and beverages industry and is particularly strong in the alcoholic beverages sector. The team has been handling several matters for The Absolut Company and many other Pernod Ricard companies, including Chivas Brothers, Martell and Perrier-Jouët. Recent work includes the successful representation of Absolut subsidiary Kahlua Coffee Liqueur in a trademark infringement suit against Happy Hearts Wine, which had to stop selling a 'Kahfua' branded coffee liqueur. The team also successfully defended Tyson Foods subsidiary Hillshire Brands against trademark infringement claims by Parks regarding the defendant's launch of 'Park's Finest' hot dogs. Other clients include Brooklyn Brewery, Heineken, Lotte Confectionery, and Sunrise Senior Care. Practice head **John Dabney** and fellow Washington DC lawyer **Robert Zelnick** are particularly recommended.

Intellectual Property: Trademarks non-contentious (including prosecution, portfolio management and licensing)

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	Jorge Arciniega Richard Kim Jennifer Mikulina	Jorge Arciniega Richard Kim Jennifer Mikulina

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP's team regularly provides trademark counseling, prosecution and licensing services to clients from a variety of industries, and is particularly known for its industry knowledge in the alcoholic beverages sector. **Richard Kim** in Washington DC assists The Absolut Company and many other Pernod Ricard subsidiaries, including Chivas Brothers, Martell and Perrier-Jouët, with trademark portfolio management, licensing and enforcement. Chicago-based practice head **Jennifer Mikulina** acquired Catalina Marketing as a new client for the management of its global trademarks portfolio and for counseling on clearance, prosecution and enforcement. **Jorge Arciniega** in Los Angeles serves as brand management and transactional counsel for Saban Brands and its trademarks 'Paul Frank', 'Power Rangers' and 'Luna Petunia'.

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Labor & Employment: Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	*David Rogers (Leading Lawyer) Diane Morgenthaler (NEW) Steven Eckhaus (NEW) Erin Kartheiser (NEW)	*David Rogers (Leading Lawyer) Brian Benko Nancy Gerrie Andrew Liazos Susan Nash Ruth Wimer
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's executive compensation team '<i>understands what is practical instead of simply idealistic</i>' and acts for an impressive client roster, including Liberty Mutual, Apple Inc, and MasterCard. Chicago-based Diane Morgenthaler '<i>knows her audience and takes the time to understand who she is working with</i>'; she led the advice on Evonik's cross-border acquisition of Air Products' performance material division. Practice head David Rogers is based in Washington DC and assisted new client CoAdvantage with the employee benefits aspects of several mergers. Steven Eckhaus and Erin Kartheiser joined the practice in New York and Chicago respectively, and are also key contacts.</p>			

Labor & Employment: ERISA Litigation			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Chris Scheithauer Bill Boies	Chris Scheithauer Bill Boies
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's ERISA litigation team derives much strength from the firm's employee benefits practice and has specific expertise in</p>			

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healthcare-related litigation. Recent highlights include **Bill Boies's** representation of longstanding client State Street in an action filed by 400 retired Chrysler executives alleging fraud and breach of trust when Chrysler used \$200m from the 'top hat plan' for company operations during the company's near bankruptcy in 2008. **Chris Scheithauer** defended Northrup Grumman, Yahoo! and Aecom in actions regarding the wrongful denial of benefits, the failure to properly reimburse the plaintiff following in-network medical care, and various ERISA violation challenges following a DOL audit. Boies and Scheithauer jointly lead the practice and are based in Chicago and Los Angeles respectively.

Labor & Employment: Immigration			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	Tier 3	Joan-Elisse Carpentier	Joan-Elisse Carpentier
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's immigration department is led from New York by Joan-Elisse Carpentier, who has strong experience in advising on immigrant and non-immigrant visas, citizenship matters, compliance programs, government audits and transactional support. The media and entertainment industry is a significant source of work and Carpentier continues to provide ongoing advice to broadcaster CBS on H-1B visa matters. Other recent highlights include successfully assisting the Wildlife Conservation Society on transferring a leading animal pathologist from Canada to the US on the NAFTA TN-1 visa. Enstar, Petroleum Industry Research Associates and Sonar Entertainment are also on the group's books.</p>			

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M&A/ Corporate & Commercial: M&A: middle-market (\$500m-999m)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 1	Tier 1	*Timothy Alvino (Leading Lawyer) *David Goldman (Leading Lawyer) Wilson Chu Thomas Conaghan Jeremy Dickens (NEW) Robert Goldstein (NEW) Gregory Hidalgo Byron Kalogerou Soren Lindstrom (NEW) David Lipkin (NEW) Mark Mihanovic Michael Sartor Thomas Sauermilch (NEW) Harris Siskind (NEW) in this area Samuel Wales (NEW) in this area	*Timothy Alvino (Leading Lawyer) *David Goldman (Leading Lawyer) Wilson Chu Thomas Conaghan Gregory Hidalgo Byron Kalogerou Mark Mihanovic Michael Sartor
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP is 'very highly rated for its M&A capabilities'. The firm grew through the recruitment of New York-based private equity, LBO and M&A expert Robert Goldstein and private equity specialist Jeremy Dickens from Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP and Shearman & Sterling LLP, respectively, while technology and life sciences expert David Lipkin joined in Silicon Valley from Morrison & Foerster LLP. The practice's sector strengths include energy, manufacturing, healthcare, and food and beverages; in the energy sector, the team advised Irving Oil on its acquisition of the Whitegate refinery in Cork, Ireland and related assets. On the sell side, the team assisted Jimmy John's with its sale of a majority interest in the company</p>			

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to Roark Capital Group, a private equity group. Recent large deal highlights include advising Evince, the German multinational chemical company, on its \$3.8bn acquisition of a performance materials unit from Air Products & Chemicals. New York-based **David Goldman** and **Thomas Sauermilch** are recommended; and **Timothy Alvino** is '*singled out for the level of service he gives*'. He is also able to work with the most difficult of clients in the most difficult of situations'. In Washington DC, **Thomas Conaghan's** experience includes representing an entrepreneur on the acquisition of a US brewing company; and **Samuel Wales** has represented HIG Capital in the acquisition and sale of multiple portfolio companies. Silicon Valley-based **Mark Mihanovic** heads the firm's California corporate group; and **Michael Sartor** and **Byron Kalogerou** are notable advisers in Boston. Kalogerou '*provides quality counsel*'. Miami-based firm-wide corporate chair **Harris Siskind** also co-heads the firm's international private equity practice; and Dallas-based **Wilson Chu**, **Soren Lindstrom** and **Gregory Hidalgo** are also recommended.

Mergers & Acquisitions/ Corporate & Commercial: Private Equity Buyouts

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 5	Tier 5	Timothy Alvino (NEW) in this area Brooks Gruemmer (NEW) Frederic Levenson (NEW) Andrew McCune Harris Siskind	Michael Boykins Harris Siskind Andrew McCune Kathy Schumacher Samuel Wales

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP provides '*very high-quality people at a reasonable price*'. Wedded to the middle market, its core centers of US private equity expertise are Chicago and Miami. Chicago-based **Andrew McCune** and Miami's **Frederic Levenson**, who is '*very smart and commercial*', now lead the practice after the elevation of the '*fantastic*' **Harris Siskind** to head of the global transactions group. HIG Capital is the firm's marquee client in the space, although it also does work for Baird Capital, Blue Sea Capital, CenterGate Capital, Comvest Partners, JW Childs, Peak Rock Capital and New Harbor Capital Management. In 2016, it advised HIG Capital on its acquisition of Symplicity Corporation, and assisted new client Centergate Capital, a nascent fund created by former HIG Capital directors, on its investment into Vision Media Management. Healthcare, transportation, energy, life sciences, IT and technology are amongst its key sectors. Chicago's **Brooks Gruemmer** is also recommended, along with New York-based **Timothy Alvino**, who has '*great patience, tenacity and technical legal skills*' and '*pays complete attention to the tiniest of details*'.

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Mergers & Acquisitions/ Corporate & Commercial: Venture Capital and Emerging Companies			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4	Wilson Chu Bernard Kramer (NEW) Mark Mihanovic Frederic Levenson (NEW) Harris Siskind Samuel Wales	Wilson Chu Mark Mihanovic Harris Siskind Samuel Wales
Editorial			
<p>Healthcare and life sciences are key industry sectors for the team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, whose West Coast attorneys handle venture capital work and advise a number of Asia-related emerging companies. Chicago-based Bernard Kramer is ‘a <i>highly capable attorney who understand how to move a process forward, organize his team and be a highly effective advocate for his clients</i>’. Led by Silicon Valley-based corporate partner and practice head Mark Mihanovic, the team advised Lumiata, a Silicon Valley-based health technology business, on its \$10m Series B preferred round. Miami-based Fred Levenson advised Capricorn Healthcare & Special Opportunities in connection with the acquisition and financing of Altruista Health. Based in Dallas, Wilson Chu led a corporate team on multiple acquisitions and transactions, including a series of cross-border equity investments on behalf of NYSE-listed Chinese social media company Renren regarding its entry into the fintech market. Samuel Wales in Washington DC and Harris Siskind in Miami are also key contacts.</p>			

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Media, Technology and Telecoms: Cyber Law (including Data Protection and Privacy)			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 4	Tier 4	Daniel Gottlieb Michael Morgan (NEW) Mark Schreiber (NEW)	Daniel Gottlieb
Editorial			
<p>The McDermott Will & Emery LLP practice is co-chaired by Michael Morgan, who splits his time between Los Angeles and Silicon Valley, Chicago-based Daniel Gottlieb and Boston-based Mark Schreiber. Gottlieb is known for his healthcare practice, with particular strengths in advising on HIPAA compliance and other federal and state privacy, security and breach notification laws; Morgan advises on cyber incident preparation, prevention and response; and Schreiber advises on global privacy coordination and Privacy Shield issues. Recent highlights include handling a whistleblowing hotline project on behalf of a Japanese client, involving data protection issues in various jurisdictions including the US, Canada, Mexico, and various EU and Asian countries; handling a series of large data breaches for a global risk management company and advising a cloud-based electronic health record system vendor on a range of cybersecurity issues.</p>			
Media, Technology and Telecoms: Outsourcing			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 3	3 (NEW)	*David Guedry (Leading Lawyer) Shawn Helms Jason Krieser Vincent Schroder (NEW) Heather Bethancourt (NEW)	*David Guedry (Leading Lawyer) Shawn Helms Jason Krieser
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's practice is co-led by Shawn Helms and Jason Krieser. The team is advising new client Nikon on a large BPO involving a</p>			

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third-party provider running its finance and accounting services. For other new client ExxonMobil, the team is revising its service agreement form and standard approach to outsourcing transactions, and for Kansas City-headquartered Commerce Bank, the team is handling an outsourcing deal that involves replacing the bank's core IT systems. Further new clients include Monsanto, Abbot Labs, Twitter and LahiTapiola. Alfred Cheng joined as counsel from an asset management firm, **Vincent Schroeder** relocated from the Munich office to Orange County, and **Heather Bethancourt** was promoted to the partnership in January 2017.

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Tax: Financial Products			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 2	Tier 2	*Andrea Kramer (Leading Lawyer) John Lutz William Pomierski David Taub (NEW) in this area Alan Schwartz (NEW - listed in Next Generation Lawyers) Mark Yopp (NEW - listed in Next Generation Lawyers)	*Andrea Kramer (Leading Lawyer) John Lutz
Editorial			
<p>The financial products team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP - based across New York and Chicago - has '<i>considerable experience in the derivatives arena as well as a goal-oriented approach to tax planning</i>'. The firm advises investment banks, businesses and high-net-worth individuals on financial transactions and product structuring, with a special focus on state and local tax (SALT), energy tax (such as advising Morgan Stanley on the acquisition, financing and development of solar photovoltaic systems), and tax related to finance and capital markets transactions. John Lutz, David Taub and Alan Schwartz assisted Deutsche Bank with an extensive internal project to restructure certain parts of its US operations to comply with the intermediate holding company regulations. Lutz also handles SALT matters for Barclays on a regular basis. Andrea Kramer has '<i>unparalleled subject matter expertise and yet is refreshingly practical</i>' and William Pomierski has an '<i>impressive ability to navigate the complex, interrelated fields of derivatives and benefit plans</i>'.</p>			

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Tax: International Tax			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 1 - UP	Tier 2	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Kristen Hazel (NEW) Philip Levine David Noren Caroline Ngo (NEW) James Riedy Andrew Roberson (NEW) Timothy Shuman	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Paul Dau Laura Gavioli Philip Levine Dwight Mersereau David Noren James Riedy Mark Thomas Timothy Shuman Todd Welty
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's international tax team advises on planning projects, M&A transactions, financings, joint ventures and restructurings for a client base that includes American Express, Fidelity, IBM and Walmart. Head of practice Lowell Yoder and Timothy Shuman assisted Luxembourg-headquartered JAB Holding Company with the \$13.9bn and \$1.35bn acquisitions of Keurig Green Mountain and Krispy Kreme, respectively. Andrew Roberson acted for British drilling company Ensco International in a transfer pricing examination, as it received adjustments of over \$700m related to the value of rigs contributed to a UK partnership. Alongside Philip Levine, David Noren, Caroline Ngo and Kristen Hazel, Shulman advised Ireland-incorporated Tyco International on its \$16.5bn reverse merger deal with Johnson & Johnson. Named attorneys are based in either Washington DC or Chicago.</p>			

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Tax: US Taxes: Contentious <i>[please note this section previously titled Tax Controversy]</i>			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned 2016
Tier 1 - UP	Tier 2	*Jean Pawlow (Leading Lawyer) *Roger Jones (Leading Lawyer) *Todd Welty (Leading Lawyer- NEW) Robin Greenhouse (NEW) Jane May Andrew Roberson (NEW)	*Jean Pawlow (Leading Lawyer) *Roger Jones (Leading Lawyer) Laura Gavioli Mark Thomas Todd Welty
Editorial			
<p>The McDermott Will & Emery LLP's '<i>outstanding</i>', 40-partner practice is led by Dallas-based Todd Welty, who is 'first class'. The '<i>client-focused</i>' Jean Pawlow, splits her time between Washington DC and Silicon Valley. In addition, the team has feet on the ground in Chicago, New York and Houston, and specializes in tax controversy, administrative appeals and tax litigation. Welty successfully acted for the John M Alterman Trust in a transferee liability case involving the sale of a family business. Led by the '<i>focused</i>' Robin Greenhouse and others, the firm represented Illinois Tool Works in multimillion-dollar litigation regarding debt-equity issues and the substance of a repatriation transaction. In Chicago, Jane May is noted for state and local tax (SALT) matters, Roger Jones is '<i>held in very high regard</i>', and Andrew Roberson is rated '<i>excellent</i>'.</p>			

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Tax: US Taxes: non-contentious <i>[please note this section was previously titled Domestic Tax]</i>			
Ranking 2017	Ranking 2016	Lawyers Mentioned 2017	Lawyers Mentioned in 2016 in various regions
Tier 2 - UP	Tier 3	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Damon Lyon Jane May	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Laura Gavioli Jane May Damon Lyon David Noren Mark Thomas Todd Welty
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP fields a large team of dedicated tax lawyers that attracts praise for its 'high-quality tax advice'. The firm has a track record of advising multinationals and banks on complex tax arrangements governing M&A transactions, financings, joint ventures and restructurings. Key clients include Johnson & Johnson, which the firm advises on tax planning matters related to its global operations, and Exelon, which it advises on tax issues connected to numerous power-related matters including the development of large-scale renewable energy projects, acquisitions, divestitures and others. S&P Global, athenahealth and PGA Tour are also among its clients. Located in Chicago, Lowell Yoder leads the federal and international tax practice, while Jane Wells May heads the state and local tax department. Damon Lyon also noted.</p>			