

Overview

Lawyers in Dentons' New York office represent a broad range of businesses and individuals, including prominent financial services firms, insurance companies, multinational companies, emerging and closely held companies, entrepreneurs and high net worth individuals.

Benefit from working with lawyers who understand your business, listen to your specific goals, then customize innovative strategies to help you achieve them. Our New York office complements our other global offices and leverages our human capital and know-how with our focus on governmental relations, public finance, tax, trusts and estates, capital markets, structured finance, corporate law, real estate and dispute resolution involving all aspects of business litigation, restructuring and bankruptcy.

With experience across industries such as real estate, financial services, oil, fashion, home apparel, retail, luxury goods, technology, media and entertainment, we are prepared to hit the ground running.

In 2015, our Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies practice established the first-of-its-kind Venture Tech Centre in SoHo, which gathered lawyers and professionals focused on supporting technology startups, venture-backed businesses and small- to-mid-cap emerging growth companies. In 2017, we expanded our Venture Tech Centre to the vibrant and thriving Meatpacking district with space designed to accommodate up to 25 lawyers and professionals, alongside accommodations to support clients and incubate startups.

Dentons' global presence and local capabilities help our clients fulfill their business objectives anywhere around the world. Our integrated New York legal team gives you a competitive edge, wherever your business takes you.

Representative Experience

- **Columbia University:** Advising on numerous patent matters related to biotech, robotics, diagnostics, and virus protection software, as well as open source issues.
- **EMI Group Ltd:** Acting as US local counsel in connection with the sale of its worldwide music publishing operations to a consortium including Sony/ATV Music Publishing and the sale of its worldwide recorded music operations to Universal Music Group. The deal saw us advising, among other things, on the complex task of documenting numerous corporate transactions in order to separate the music publishing operations and recorded music operations from one another to make the successful separated sale possible.
- **Federal-Mogul:** Representing the Official Creditors' Committee in these US Chapter 11 cases. Federal-Mogul is one of the largest auto parts and systems manufacturers and distributors in the world, with operations throughout the US and Europe. A total of 157 companies filed for Chapter 11, and 134 of those companies also commenced insolvency proceedings in the UK with more than US\$2 billion in debt. Our skill was called upon in restructuring the company's business operations and deleveraging its balance sheet. Throughout these proceedings, we successfully represented the Federal-Mogul committee in negotiations with and actions against the debtors, the asbestos claimants, the pre-petition secured lenders and the UK administrators in the UK insolvency proceedings. We successfully sought and won the termination of the debtors' exclusive period to file a plan of reorganization in the US, which allowed the Creditors' Committee to propose its own plan of reorganization based on the settlements reached with the other creditor constituencies. The UK counsel from one of our predecessor firms represented the UK administrator in the administration.
- **Gávea Funds:** Representing a Brazilian fund manager with US\$7 billion in assets under management, for more

than nine years. Most recently, Dentons was the lead advisor to this client on a sale of a controlling interest to a money center bank. We continue to represent the management company and its principal on US tax issues.

- **Genworth Financial:** Lead counsel defending in a federal securities fraud action in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The plaintiffs sued on behalf of a putative nationwide class of investment clients of Genworth's Private Client Group, alleging that Genworth Financial Wealth Management misrepresented material facts to them regarding its mutual fund portfolios and their asset allocation strategies, and challenging revenue-sharing arrangements through administrative service fees. The lawsuit claims violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5. Plaintiffs' claims of breach of fiduciary duty have been dismissed by the court.
- **GlaxoSmithKline (GSK):** Represented GlaxoSmithKline plc in qui tam whistleblower litigation, alleging violations of the US False Claims Act in connection with the drug Paxil, and seeking billions of dollars in damages. Our team convinced the court, at an early stage in the litigation, to dismiss the whistleblower's case in its entirety with prejudice and without an opportunity to amend. Our team convinced not only the court, but also the US Department of Justice, to support our position in seeking dismissal.
- **Globally systemically important financial institution:** Representing in connection with an analysis and comment letter on notices of proposed rulemakings issued jointly by the Federal Reserve, the Office of Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation related to the enhanced capital requirements of Title I of Dodd Frank. Our detailed analysis addressed various aspects of the Basel III capital requirements, minimum regulatory capital ratios, the Standardized Approach for risk-weighted assets, market discipline and disclosure requirements rules, and the Advanced Approaches risk-based capital rule, and market risk rule. We also assisted the client in analyzing and providing comments to a leading trade association on its comment letter covering the joint notices of rulemaking, and participating in related discussions with the regulatory agencies.
- **The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American and St. Nicholas Church:** Representing in their negotiations with The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to relocate St. Nicholas Church onto a portion of the World Trade Center (WTC) site adjacent to Liberty Park, as part of the overall WTC redevelopment. The original St. Nicholas Church had been destroyed in the events of September 11, 2001.
- **Anti-corruption:** Representing major global engineering firm in connection with an investigation by the World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency into alleged corrupt and fraudulent practices by a foreign subsidiary involved in a bank-funded project.
- **Keybank:** Advising on a \$60 million Build America Bond transaction for the Navajo Nation, the first large scale loan to be governed solely by tribal law and tribal courts. This transaction was awarded the "Deal of the Year" award in 2011 by the Native American Finance Officers Association.
- **Lehman Bankhaus German (affiliate of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.):** Representing in its complex claims against, and transactions with, other Lehman entities. We also represent numerous other clients in a wide variety of matters worldwide arising out of the Lehman collapse, including hedge funds and other financial institutions in connection with the administration of the English Lehman companies. This is especially true in relation to prime brokerage issues and International Swaps and Derivatives Association close-out positions.
- **Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC):** Serving as outside counsel in connection with pension plan claims and potential termination of related pension plans. The PBGC is the US government corporation charged with the supervision of pension plans, subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, in connection with certain bankruptcy matters. The most recent of these matters involved representing the PBGC as a party in interest and as a Creditors' Committee member in the AMR Corporation and Kodak Chapter 11 cases. Both cases include potential claims well in excess of US\$10 billion and complex pension bankruptcy. We also served as PBGC counsel in the landmark bankruptcy of Chrysler Corporation.
- **A specialty finance company focused on the US residential mortgage market:** Advising in the filing of a shelf registration statement for the securitization of residential mortgage loans. This is among the first shelf registration statements to be filed by a new issuer with the SEC in over five years. Following an SEC review and effectiveness, it is anticipated that the shelf will be one of only two active issuers of public securitizations of pools of residential mortgage loans. The client intends to be one of the first "re-entrants" into the public nonagency residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) market in the near future.
- **Tropicana Entertainment:** Representing the largest secured creditor and, through a debt-equity swap in a plan of reorganization, the largest shareholder in the restructuring of Tropicana Entertainment and its affiliates, which operate nine casinos and one of the largest privately-held hotel and casino gaming businesses in the United States. The debtors had prepetition debt, including a \$1.3 billion senior secured credit facility, \$1 billion in unsecured notes and trade debt, all of which was satisfied or eliminated in the restructuring. The representation also included the acquisition of the Tropicana-Atlantic City hotel and casino, previously subject to conservatorship, through a credit bid at a sale under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code in a separate bankruptcy proceeding, and the reconsolidation of that casino into the corporate group.

- **United Airlines, Inc. (UAL):** Representing the Official Creditors' Committee in these Chapter 11 cases that resulted in a successful plan of reorganization and an enhanced platform to facilitate the merger with Continental, which resulted in creating the largest airline in the world. The Creditors' Committee played a material role in maximizing the value of the estates, and the recovery to unsecured creditors by, amongst other things, garnering the waivers of hundreds of millions of dollars in administrative and other claims, refining and improving settlements, and spearheading a motion against a United Express provider in an effort to return tens of millions of dollars to the debtors' estates. Upon emergence, the stock of reorganized UAL was listed on the Nasdaq, traded robustly at prices much higher than initially projected and now trades on the New York Stock Exchange.
- **US Department of Treasury:** Representing in the US\$19.7 billion multi-draw term-loan facility provided to General Motors Corporation under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), which was supported by warrants, additional promissory notes, and payment and performance guarantees by many of its domestic subsidiaries, and secured by first and junior liens on all available assets, including equity pledges of its domestic and foreign subsidiaries.
- **Velocity Technology Solutions:** Representing a leading cloud-based application hosting company and its private equity fund owners Spire Capital and Tudor Investments, in connection with the merger of Velocity and a subsidiary of Silver Lake Sumeru Fund, LP, a global leader in middle-market technology investing. The transaction is valued at US\$220 million.

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