Why choose us?

United States

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Our New York and Washington, D.C. offices

Covering North America from the financial and regulatory hubs of the United States

“They are very hardworking and good at being accessible – their client service is excellent, they are very quick and detailed with their responses. Clearly a top firm and it shows.”
Chambers USA 2012

“The team’s most important quality is its tenacity to stay relevant to our business. The lawyers go the extra mile to understand our business.”
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“[Allen and Overy] makes effective use of its global network to handle large, complex, multijurisdictional transactions.”
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“They have established a strong presence in New York and do real U.S. work for U.S. clients.”
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| 175+ | Attorneys in the U.S. |
| 14 | U.S. practices recognized in recent Chambers guides |
| 25+ | Years in the U.S. |
| 30+ | Languages spoken by attorneys in the U.S. |
| 60% | Percentage of A&O’s work that involves at least two countries |
Our U.S. offices provide comprehensive legal services to U.S. and non-U.S. corporations, financial institutions and multilateral agencies and offer a full range of specialty areas including capital markets, corporate/M&A, finance and litigation across a number of jurisdictions.
Overview of our legal services

We have been providing U.S. legal advice to domestic and non-U.S. clients for over 25 years. We provide a broad range of sophisticated legal services, while being fully integrated with the Allen & Overy network to meet the global needs of our clients.

01_Banking & Finance
– Asset and Structured Finance
– Bank Regulatory
– Global Loans
– Insurance
– Leveraged Finance
– Project Finance
– Project Bonds
– Public-Private Partnerships

02_Capital Markets
– Debt and Equity Capital Markets
– Derivatives and Structured Products
– Investment Funds and Structures
– Securitization

03_Corporate/M&A
– Antitrust
– Corporate Governance
– Employment and Benefits
– Intellectual Property
– Mergers and Acquisitions
– Outsourcing
– Private Equity

04_Environmental
– Climate Change; Carbon Trading
– Environmental Compliance
  (E.U., U.S.)
– Environmental Disputes

05_Financial Restructuring & Insolvency
– Bankruptcy Court Proceedings
– Out-of-Court Restructuring
– U.S. Chapter 11
– U.S. Chapter 15
– Cross-Border Restructuring
– Insurance Insolvency

06_Litigation
– Antitrust
– Complex Corporate Litigation
– Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
– Intellectual Property
– International Arbitration
– Internal Investigations
– Professional Liability
– Regulatory and White Collar Defense
– Securities Litigation, including Class Actions Defense

07_Real Estate
– Acquisitions and Sales
– Joint Ventures
– Private Equity Fund Formation and Investment
– Real Estate Finance
– Workouts
– Distressed Real Estate

08_Regulatory
– Anti-Corruption/Anti-Bribery
  (Ethics, FCPA, OFAC, Sanctions)
– Financial Services Regulatory
– Asset Management
– Banking
– Commodities and Futures
– Derivatives
– Regulatory examinations and inquiries
– Political Law

09_Tax
– Corporate Finance
– Cross-Border Tax Planning
– Complex Financial Products
– Fund Formation and Investments
– Mergers and Acquisitions, Spinoffs and Divestitures
– Real Estate
– Tax Controversy
What we can do for you

Our lawyers strive to understand and meet our clients’ needs by focusing on the commercial issues they face and collaborating with them to add business value over and above pure legal advice.

Banking & Finance
The New York office has a strong Finance practice that can seamlessly lead the most complex cross-border transactions. We do this by utilizing our integrated network of finance practices throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Our multi-jurisdictional leveraged finance team works closely with our private equity group, advising private equity houses on debt financing issues and advising debt arranging banks on private equity deal issues. We also have a leading asset finance practice, with experience advising on a number of different capital assets including aviation, rail, infrastructure, renewable energy, satellites, ship and equipment.

Corporate/M&A
Our Corporate and M&A practice in New York has advised on multi-billion dollar transactions over the last few years for clients such as Novartis, GE, Tyco, SAP and Thomson Reuters. We advise on all types of public and private M&A transactions. Our team includes lawyers specializing in antitrust, tax, environmental, regulatory matters, litigation, employment/benefits and intellectual property.

We are able to call upon both U.S. and locally qualified M&A lawyers in most of the financial centers around the world including London, Frankfurt, Tokyo and Shanghai. We coordinate cross-border deals from New York with our U.S. and locally qualified lawyers across our international network.

Debt & Equity Capital Markets
We represent underwriters, arrangers and U.S. domestic and foreign issuers on the full range of debt and equity capital market transactions, including SEC-registered offerings, Rule 144A and Regulation S offerings, American and Global Depositary receipts offerings, convertible bonds and equity warrants, with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean region.
Derivatives & Structured Finance

We have a wide-ranging transactional and advisory practice, with particular focus on strategic credit and other fixed income derivatives transactions and on innovative, tailored solutions to managing risk for financial institutions. With the credit crunch, we have been especially busy advising on the termination, liquidation and valuation of swaps, repos, securities lending agreements and other structured products, as well as related set-off, netting and collateral issues.

Financial Services Regulatory

Recent years have seen radical changes to the regulatory environment in which financial institutions operate. In response to this our U.S. Financial Services Regulatory (FSR) team has expanded from one to seven partners, in less than five years, offering advice on the full range of regulatory issues affecting financial institutions including commercial and investment banks, asset managers, and broker-dealers. The team advises on: general banking compliance; broker dealer regulation; investment adviser regulation; securities regulation; banking and securities enforcement and investigations; and on the intersection of political law and financial regulatory issues, many of which are at the heart of the financial markets, including at various levels of Dodd-Frank reform.

Environmental

Our global Environmental team, led out of the New York office, provides expert advice in a wide range of environmental regulatory areas including climate change, producer responsibility for recycling and take back, issues associated with renewable energy, product stewardship, waste and contaminated land liabilities.

Litigation/International Arbitration

Our Litigation practice brings together lawyers with enormous experience handling and resolving many of the major headline financial and commercial disputes both internationally and in the United States. This group includes four former Assistant United States Attorneys for the Southern District of New York, two former Chiefs of that office’s Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, and the former President of the New York City Bar Association.

Projects, Energy & Infrastructure

Our group is a market-leader across all areas of project finance, including Public-Private Partnerships, infrastructure, power and oil and gas across the Americas.
Real Estate
Our Real Estate practice primarily involves real estate debt and equity investment throughout the United States for domestic and international institutions and funds. Our practice is capital markets and private equity fund focused, and includes primarily large loan, mezzanine, A/B and preferred equity origination, securitization, the sponsorship and investment in real estate investment funds, secondary market debt acquisitions, loan workouts, real estate mergers and acquisitions, joint venture structuring and complex real estate acquisitions.

Our leading mezzanine finance practice has uniquely situated our attorneys with significant real-life experiences in analyzing the rights and remedies of lenders and borrowers and in exercising remedies, including numerous UCC foreclosures.

Financial Restructuring & Insolvency
Our Financial Restructuring group has extensive experience in U.S.-based and multi-jurisdictional restructurings, both in bankruptcy court proceedings and out-of-court restructurings. Our group represents issuers, financial institutions, holders of public debt and debtors, as well as acquirers of businesses or assets of financially distressed companies. We also have a successful insurance insolvency practice, acting for U.S. insurers and in cross-border proceedings involving foreign insurers.

Securitization
We are ranked Tier 1 for Structured Finance and Securitization across all the leading legal directories, including Chambers, IFLR and Legal 500. Our team advises on the full range of securitization structures and asset classes and prides itself on delivering a commercial, responsive service to clients.

Tax
Our Tax practice advises clients on issues across a broad range of sectors and types of transaction. We provide clients with comprehensive U.S. tax advice, whether it relates to strategic tax planning for multinational operations, expanding their business into Europe from the U.S., or seeking to raise or invest funds in or outside of the U.S. We offer senior U.S. tax advisors from both our New York and London offices providing round-the-clock capability.
Reaching out beyond the U.S.

Our Latin America practice and U.S. China group are managed from the New York office. Both combine our broad sector knowledge, cultural familiarity and language skills to advise clients investing into and from Latin America and China.
**Latin America practice**

In conjunction with our São Paulo office, this highly integrated group of attorneys focuses on corporate finance, including projects, capital markets, banking, derivatives, securitization, M&A, restructuring and insolvency. We have worked on some of the most high-profile transactions and international arbitrations in Latin America. Our work focuses on key industries, including power, oil and gas, mining, infrastructure and telecommunications, as well as a sovereign practice representing governments and government-owned entities.

**U.S. China group**

We advise both domestic and international corporations and financial institutions investing in China and Chinese enterprises investing in the Americas. Our group focuses on project financings, foreign direct investment, M&A, private equity, real estate and environmental law. Our group includes lawyers fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese.
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