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Every year we carry out thousands of in-depth interviews with clients in order to assess the reputations and expertise of business lawyers across the USA. The qualities we look for (and which determine

rankings) include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.



ANTITRUST

Antitrust

Leading Firms

Band 1

Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Mayer Brown LLP
Sidley Austin LLP

Band 2

Baker & McKenzie LLP
Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg LLP
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP

Band 3

Freed Kanner London & Millen LLC
Jenner & Block LLP
Sperling & Slater
Winston & Strawn LLP

Band 4

Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP
Freeborn & Peters
Jones Day

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Band 1

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

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The Firm: Consistently positive feedback reinforces Kirkland's position at the top of the antitrust table. "This is one of the very best firms I've worked with, and the first firm I'd call on where tough and complex antitrust issues are involved," enthused one client, echoing market opinion of this Chicago behemoth. Commentators agree that Kirkland's antitrust capabilities took root in the firm's celebrated litigation practice, and the antitrust team is still best known for its "phenomenal strength in litigation." Kirkland recently acted for Aon in a case that amply demonstrated this skill; a consolidated federal putative antitrust and RICO class action, brought by insurance policyholders who alleged an industry-wide conspiracy to stifle competition and allocate insurance policies based on broker commissions. Another distinctive feature of the firm is the deep bench of lawyers: sources describe a "large team where each and every lawyer is bright, thorough, efficient and

collaborative." This strength of manpower ensures that clients are "keen to retain the firm on matters that require a high level of attention."

The Lawyers: Jim Mutchnik (see p.1057) uses his "great intelligence, litigation skills and breadth of experience" to achieve "excellent results." Clients appreciate his ability to "understand the prosecuting side, and be candid in his assessment and forthright in how he discusses things. These are serious matters, and he treats them as such." He is currently defending Weyerhaeuser in a multibillion-dollar class action antitrust matter. Andy Langan (see p.1049) is also highly regarded; his recent work has included representing BP on various state and FTC inquiries into gasoline pricing. Robbie Robertson (see p.1061) "has excellent academic knowledge." Sources agree that his ability to use this knowledge practically, makes him "a well-rounded and impressive antitrust lawyer." Daniel Laytin (see p.1049) is described as "assertive, commercial, bright and efficient".

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm acted for Cellnet Group in connection with its \$705 million sale to automated meter-reading industry competitor Bayard Group. The team is also defending GM in a consolidated class action antitrust conspiracy lawsuit alleging that certain vehicle manufacturers conspired to prevent the sale of less expensive new Canadian vehicles to American consumers.

Mayer Brown LLP

See firm details p.1088

The Firm: While observers draw attention to the "size, commerciality and pragmatism" of this "truly excellent practice," most hold that it is the firm's geographic scope that really marks it out – its network of offices spanning North America and Europe enables the firm to serve a wide range of domestic and international clients. Involvement in some of the biggest and most important antitrust work demonstrates the firm's prominent position on the Illinois legal landscape; for example, this year the team defended BASF against allegations that manufacturers conspired to fix the price and allocate customers and nationwide markets for certain urethanes. Clients appreciate this team of "bright and knowledgeable lawyers" that is supported by "ample resources."

The Lawyers: Senior lawyer Lee Abrams is univer-

sally regarded as "excellent" in antitrust matters. Sources agree that the firm benefits greatly from his experience and expertise. Andrew Marovitz is "a formidable opponent." Described as "bright and solid," he is "strong in terms of his substantive knowledge, and has a lot of credibility with judges." Mark McLaughlin is "a roll-up-your-sleeves, get-to-the-point, practical adviser," declare satisfied clients. Robert Finke also receives positive feedback.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm successfully defended linen supplier Alscio in a class action alleging conspiracy to impose fictitious charges for its services. The firm also defended DSM Elastomers Europe and DSM Copolymer against allegations that manufacturers conspired to fix the price and allocate customers and nationwide markets for EPDM, a synthetic rubber product.

Sidley Austin LLP

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The Firm: Observers concur that this "solid antitrust practice" can be relied upon to "do a fine job." The firm is experienced in a range of matters, demonstrating particular capability in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industry. Several sources also extolled the group's abilities in class actions, noting that "Sidley has shown itself to be excellent at the precedent-setting megacases – big class actions are a specialty." This is illustrated by the firm's work on behalf of Johnson & Johnson, acting on several cases challenging the company's 'bundled' discounts on sutures and endomechanical products. The firm has made a "very positive impression" upon market observers, who describe the lawyers as "excellent in advocacy and drafting, and enjoyable to work with." The firm's ability to "think about issues analytically" impresses clients, and its deep understanding of the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries acts as a further drawing card.

The Lawyers: Jack Bierig (see p.1032) is noted for his experience in healthcare antitrust work. Sources draw attention to his "many fine qualities," describing him as a lawyer who is "capable, bright and attuned to clients' needs." Chuck Douglas (see p.1038) is a "superb litigator" with a particular focus on antitrust. He has recently acted for Microsoft on antitrust matters. Tom Ryan (see p.1063) is "a fine lawyer" who sources say adds considerable strength

Antitrust**Leading Individuals****Band 1**

Abrams Lee Mayer Brown LLP
 Chefitz Joel McDermott Will & Emery LLP
 Eimer Nathan Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg LLP
 Freeman Jr Lee Jenner & Block LLP
 Marovitz Andrew Mayer Brown LLP
 Mutchnik James Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 Sennett Michael Jones Day

Band 2

Bierig Jack Sidley Austin LLP
 Busey Roxane Baker & McKenzie LLP
 Douglas Charles Sidley Austin LLP
 Freed Michael Freed Kanner London & Millen LLC
 Joseph Robert Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
 Klevorn Andrew Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg LLP
 Langan J Andrew Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 Marx David McDermott Will & Emery LLP
 McCareins R Mark Winston & Strawn LLP
 McLaughlin T Mark Mayer Brown LLP
 Robertson Robert Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 Ryan Thomas Sidley Austin LLP
 Silberman Alan Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
 Slater Paul Sperling & Slater
 Treece John Sidley Austin LLP

Band 3

Campbell Thomas Baker & McKenzie LLP
 Finke Robert Mayer Brown LLP
 Gardner Thomas Jones Day
 Hack Randall Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell LLP
 Laytin Daniel Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 Martin Laura Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
 McCluggage Michael Wildman Harrold
 Stahl David Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg LLP
 Zelek Eugene Freeborn & Peters

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to the practice. "Fantastic litigator" John Treece (see p.1069) receives accolades for his excellent understanding of the pharmaceutical industry. Commentators marvel at his "understanding of the rules, and his ability to put the issues into a legal framework in a pragmatic way."

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm advised MAP Multiple Listing Service (MAP) in an investigation by the Antitrust Division of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The investigation focused on MAP's rules regarding the availability of participants' listings to populate the Internet sites of other MAP participants. The firm also acted for the National Association of Realtors (NAR) in a case where the DOJ challenged NAR's policies regarding the display of real estate listings on the Internet. Further work includes representing Toda Kogyo in a federal case alleging price-fixing in the magnetic iron oxide industry.

Band 2**Baker & McKenzie LLP**

See firm details p.1074

The Firm: This "robust and committed" antitrust group is commended for its experience in the health-care industry, with most market sources agreeing that the firm's greatest strength lies in counseling rather than litigation. The addition of Roxane Busey and Tom Campbell in 2005 strengthened the practice, and the firm has been involved in some important merger work over the past year, recently advising Bayard on the acquisition of two competitors in automated metering for electrical utilities. Though compact, this team's solid and far-reaching network of international connections adds to its credentials – clients frequently cite this global reach as one of the firm's key attributes.

The Lawyers: Known for her work in the healthcare industry, Roxane Busey (see p.1034) receives praise from numerous sources. One peer noted: "If I needed an antitrust counselor, I'd be very, very confident with Busey. She is a brilliant lawyer, bright and experienced." Clients are satisfied with the service they receive from Tom Campbell (see p.1034), describing him as "very knowledgeable and responsive."

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm furnished advice to Hospira on the FTC investigation of Hospira's acquisition of Mayne Pharma and defended the National Resident Matching Program in an antitrust class action.

Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg LLP

See firm details p.1081

The Firm: Since its foundation in 2000, Eimer Stahl has built up a widely respected antitrust practice. The compact nature of the firm makes it unique in the antitrust arena. While some peers hold the view that the firm is occasionally held back by its small size, the consensus is that this is nonetheless an "impressive and active" practice staffed with "lawyers of a very high caliber." Strong client relationships bolster the practice: clients are unanimous in their appreciation of a group that is "knowledgeable, efficient and focused."

The Lawyers: Nate Eimer (see p.1039) "offers the complete package," marvel interviewees. "He is great on both strategy and execution. A lot of people are good thinkers but have trouble translating this into results for clients – Eimer does both." Andrew Klevorn (see p.1048) and David Stahl (see p.1067) are both commended for their experience in antitrust litigation.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm is defending an oil refining corporation in an antitrust class action in which the claimants are attempting to hold the corporation liable for the actions of OPEC.

McDermott Will & Emery LLP

See firm details p.1090

The Firm: Although this national giant now has offices reaching as far afield as Shanghai, the firm remains justifiably proud of its Chicago roots. Authorities in the market assert that the team of "excellent lawyers" here drives the Chicago antitrust practice from strength to strength, and clients are

delighted with the service they receive. One explained: "The team here is terrific in terms of intellectual expertise, and is incredibly skilled in trial work – this is a great combination, and we were very pleased with the results achieved for us." Commentators draw particular attention to the firm's "very strong health-care antitrust practice," but are quick to add that the firm has expanded its remit in recent years, and as a result "diversity is now another feature of the firm." The group has capabilities in a wide range of areas. Recently the firm represented Koch Industries and its subsidiaries in defending an ongoing nationwide class action alleging antitrust violations in the sale of sulfuric acid.

The Lawyers: Joel Chefitz (see p.1035) "is very knowledgeable and insightful, which is a great combination." He is lauded for his ability to "come up with creative, commercially sound solutions in a timely fashion, while keeping the client's bottom line in mind." David Marx (see p.1052) specializes in healthcare work. Clients agree that "he is practical and always finds a way to make things work, which is what you want in an antitrust lawyer."

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm acted for Stora Enso in an investigation into claims that Stora Enso conspired with competitors to fix the prices of coated magazine paper. The team also provides Zebra Technologies with ongoing antitrust and strategic advice concerning potential mergers, product development and relationships with customers.

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP

See firm details p.1097

The Firm: This "robust and solid" group is noted for its capabilities in distribution and franchising work. "Vastly experienced and truly committed to the success of its clients," the firm is heralded for its ability to produce "creative and effective solutions in a timely and cost-effective way." Although some express doubt about the depth of the bench, there is no doubt that the firm counts some "real antitrust experts" among its ranks: "These remarkably experienced lawyers have the ability to look at issues from numerous angles."

The Lawyers: An expert in antitrust counseling, Robert Joseph (see p.1046) is "very good technically" and "certainly has the respect of his peers." Over the past year he has been active in antitrust class actions involving nurses' wages and railroad fuel surcharges. "Tremendous advocate and counselor" Alan Silberman (see p.1066) is "widely acknowledged to be an expert." Clients praise his "comprehensive knowledge of antitrust law, and his ability to apply this in a practical way."

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm advised the Nevada Commissioner of Insurance on antitrust issues related to United Healthcare's proposed acquisition of Sierra Health. The firm also advised Pella Corporation on price discrimination issues and marketing arrangements with major customers.

Band 3**Freed Kanner London & Millen LLC**

The Firm: This "sparkling new firm" – opening its

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Recommended in Intellectual Property

Practice Areas: Head of Chicago Intellectual Property Practice. Focuses on IP litigation, counseling, protection and transactions. Lead Counsel in federal district courts in patent, trademark, copyright, unfair competition, right of publicity, domain name and trade secret cases. Represents clients in complex technology areas including chemical formulations, electronic circuitry, methods for conducting financial and business transactions and computer programs.

Career: Admission: Illinois Bar (1981); US District Courts in Illinois and Wisconsin, US Courts of Appeals, Seventh Circuit and Federal Circuit, US Patent and Trademark Office.

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Practice Areas: Represents debtors, creditors, committees and purchasers of troubled companies in restructuring and bankruptcy planning, negotiation and litigation. Has an active cross-border practice, and draws from his unique experience in turnaround consulting and investment banking. Clients have included Harnischfeger, Collins & Aikman, Sea Containers, FCC, Bank of America, CSFB, Oaktree Capital, and Loxley Co.

Career: Formerly a Managing Director of Price Waterhouse Coopers Securities, handling multinational debt restructuring and distressed mergers and acquisitions. Also formerly Executive Chairman of LA Gear Inc. after its Chapter 11.

Personal: University of Michigan, BA, 1974; University of Illinois College of Law, JD, 1978.

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Recommended in Real Estate

Practice Areas: Real estate; real estate finance.

Prof. Memberships: Past Chair Chicago Bar Association Real Property Law Committee and Real Property Finance Subcommittee; Member, American College of Real Estate Lawyers and American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

Career: Practice concentrated exclusively in complex commercial real estate transactions, including purchase and sale; mortgage financing; leasing; joint ventures and partnerships; condominiums and co-operatives; general develop-

ment and all other aspects of commercial real estate practice. He is also an Adjunct Professor and frequently lectures on real estate finance and leasing subjects.

Personal: JD, University of Chicago; BBA, University of Wisconsin.

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Practice Areas: Antitrust trial lawyer and counselor. He has handled a large number of grand jury investigations of alleged price fixing, including related criminal proceedings and trial. He has also been involved as Trial Counsel in numerous civil antitrust cases, particularly class actions related to alleged price fixing. His practice also includes counseling clients regarding the antitrust aspects of mergers and acquisitions, and representation of clients before the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Department of Justice, and in related civil proceedings attempting to enjoin a merger. He has represented a large number of major corporations in antitrust matters, including The Dow Chemical Company, Union Carbide Corporation, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Borden, Inc., CPC, Inc., International Minerals & Chemicals Corporation, Praxair, Inc., Land O'Lakes Inc., and Corn Products International.

Prof. Memberships: Antitrust and Criminal Sections of the American Bar Association.

Career: He was one of the founding members of his firm in July 2000. Prior to that he was a Member of the Executive Committee, General Counsel, Head of the Commercial and Regulatory Litigation Group, and a Partner of Sidley & Austin. From 1984 until 1990 he was the Head of that firm's New York Litigation Practice.

Personal: Born June 26, 1949. Received his JD, cum laude, from Northwestern University School of Law in 1973, where he was a notes and comments editor for the 'Law Review'. Received a BA, magna cum laude, with Highest Distinction in Economics, from the University of Illinois in 1970.

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Practice Areas: Complex insurance coverage litigation, mediations and arbitrations representing policyholders involving diverse types of insurance, including directors and officers, fiduciary, errors and omissions, first-party property, general liability, employment, fidelity and crime policies; counsels on purchase and maintenance of insurance and insurance

recovery; general commercial litigation involving fraud, business torts and contractual disputes.

Prof. Memberships: ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (CLE Seminar Co-Chair, 2008 and Vice-Chair, 2007); Chicago Bar Association Insurance Committee (Secretary, 2007-08).

Career: Partner; Litigation and Directors' & Officers' Insurance Groups.

Publications: Frequent author and lecturer on insurance topics.

Personal: Indiana University (JD, 1996); Hanover College (BA, 1993).

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Practice Areas: Carter Emerson has extensive experience in counseling public and private corporations on a wide variety of subjects including corporate governance and SEC disclosure matters, securities filings and executive compensation. He also has public offering experience, including 12 initial public offerings (IPOs) for issuers and three for underwriters and many Rule 144A debt offerings. His other principal aspects of practice are corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisitions (including leveraged buyouts), public offerings, debt placements and loans, and venture capital investments.

Personal: Miami University (Ohio), BS, 1969; Northwestern University, JD, 1972.

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Prof. Memberships: Member, American Bar Association Section of Business Law.

Personal: Harvard University, AB, 1985; Harvard Law School, JD, 1989.

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Practice Areas: General transactional and litigation practice with particular emphasis in real estate development, annexation, zoning, environmental and all related facets of acquisition, leasing, financing, bankruptcy and restructuring.

Prof. Memberships: Ranked, Chambers USA Real Estate in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007; Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers in 2004, 2005, (Top 10 2006), 2007; Top 100 Illinois Leading Lawyers Network 2007, 2008 (Top 5 Real Estate, 2008) each ranking regardless of specialty. Memberships include American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Illinois State Bar Real Property Section (Chairman 1982); Legislative Committee 1984 to present; Lambda Alpha, Beta Gamma Sigma, Beta Alpha Psi.

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Practice Areas: Intellectual property; trademark; trademark litigation; domain name; copyrights; M&A.

Career: Focusing on trademarks, patents, copyrights, trade secrets, and internet and technology law, he has extensive experience counseling clients on domestic and international intellectual property registration, enforcement, and licensing. He has litigated the protectability of color as a trademark; the enhanced scope of protection for famous trademarks; trademark priority disputes; and protection of the interior design and exterior trade dress of franchised restaurants.

Personal: JD, Georgetown University Law Center; BSIE, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

companies. In addition, she advises clients on executive compensation and corporate governance matters, including Sarbanes-Oxley, board of director, fiduciary duty, takeover preparedness, disclosure policy, and related issues.

Prof. Memberships: ABA; Illinois State Bar Association; Chicago Bar Association.
Publications: Speaker and author on US securities laws.

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Career: Focuses in land use and zoning, multifamily housing, tax increment financing and other public-private financing transactions, and transactions involving community and economic development. His land use, zoning, and government affairs practice focuses on representing developers and municipalities in annexation, zoning, and public sector-related matters for complex commercial, retail, residential, hotel, and office developments. He also concentrates on public-private development transactions.

Personal: JD, Stanford Law School; MA, Harvard University; BA, St. Olaf College.

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Practice Areas: Sonnenschein's client service Partner and Member of the firm's Policy and Planning Committee. Practice areas include litigation; media and entertainment; intellectual property and technology; patent litigation TC&A (trademark, copyright and advertising); patent.

Prof. Memberships: Chairman, Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago; Director of the Illinois First Amendment Center.

Career: Joined Sonnenschein in 1988.

Publications: Co-author of the MLRC Libel Survey of Illinois Law.

Personal: University of Wisconsin Law School, Order of the Coif, articles editor, Wisconsin Law Review, JD, 1974; Beloit College, Phi Beta Kappa, BA, magna cum laude, 1971.

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Recommended in Antitrust

Practice Areas: Commercial litigator with broad trial experience. His practice spans a wide variety of issues, including the defense of class actions, grand jury investigations, construction claims, arbitra-

tions, breach of contract matters, counseling firms with respect to proposed acquisitions, and representation of clients before the Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice. He has represented a number of leading firms, including, among others, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Holcim (US), Inc. and CITGO Petroleum Corporation.

Prof. Memberships: American Bar Association, Litigation and Antitrust Sections; Chicago Bar Association.

Career: Admitted to the Illinois Bar, 1987. Member of the trial bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Partner at Sidley & Austin, 1994-2000.

Publications: He has authored a variety of articles in various newspapers and journals, including the 'Wall Street Journal' and the 'National Law Journal,' concerning antitrust and other legal issues.

Personal: Born: March 23, 1961.

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Prof. Memberships: Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Licensing Executive Society, Association Internationale Pour La Protection De La Propriété Industrielle, American Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, and The Lawyers Club of Chicago.

Career: Mr Kozak specializes in intellectual property litigation and counseling. He has served as Trial Counsel in cases involving a diverse range of technologies, including electrical and fiber optic connectors, telephone and facsimile equipment, television, microprocessors, semiconductors, digital numeric controllers, lasers, machine vision, computer software, geophysical surveying equipment, food processing equipment, agricultural chemicals, adhesives, abrasives, and immunoassays. He also has considerable experience in both domestic

and international negotiations and licensing. Prior to joining the firm, Mr Kozak served as a patent advisor to the Office of Naval Research's Naval Weapon Center, Corona Laboratories.

Personal: Mr Kozak obtained a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University.

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Recommended in Healthcare

Practice Areas: Representation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, health insurers and HMOs, hospitals and academic medical centers, and other healthcare businesses with respect to corporate, regulatory and transactional matters; substantial experience in healthcare mergers and acquisitions, and structuring joint ventures and alliances for government contracting and investment in technology. Professional Memberships: American Health Lawyers Association (Member).

Career: Partner; Health Law Practice Group.

Publications: Author and lecturer on health law topics.

Personal: Harvard University (Master's Degree in Public Health, 1977); Case Western Reserve University (JD, 1976).

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Recommended in Bankruptcy

Practice Areas: Partner in Sidley's Chicago office, practicing in Bankruptcy/Corporate Reorganization and Syndicated and Leveraged Finance. He focuses on financial restructurings and corporate reorganizations of all types. He has extensive experience in restructuring issues related to regulated industries including public utilities, entities regulated by the Federal Communications Commission and common carriers.

Prof. Memberships: Lecturer at the PLI Current Developments Bankruptcy Program. American Bar Association Business Bankruptcy Committee. Member, Illinois Bar Association.

Personal: The University of Chicago Law School, JD, 1981; Duke University, AB, 1978, magna cum laude. Admission: Illinois.

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Recommended in Corporate/M&A: Private Equity

Practice Areas: Has an active mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate and securities law practice. Regularly represents private equity firms as well as several of the firm's corporate and investment banking clients on a wide variety of acquisition transactions, leveraged buyouts, private equity and venture capital transactions, corporate restructurings and recapitalizations, proxy contests, joint ventures and other financing transactions. Has substantial transactional experience in the healthcare and telecommunications industries.

Career: JD, University of Michigan Law School, 1986 (cum laude); BA, Albion College, 1983.

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Career: JD, Harvard Law School, 1981 (cum laude); Editor-in-Chief, Harvard Environmental Law Review; BS, Creighton University, 1978.

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Recommended in Media & Entertainment

Practice Areas: Mr Labate concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate restructuring and in developing, financing and distributing feature film and television programming. He is an Adjunct Professor at De Paul University School of Law and annually organizes and teaches film seminars sponsored by Lawyers For the Creative Arts, the Independent Feature Project and Columbia College Film School. Mr Labate's clients include: Bunim Murray Productions (producer of 'Real World'), Yari Film Group, LLC (producer of 'Crash'), Media General, Inc., Steppenwolf Films (a division of Steppenwolf Theatre Company) and

Personal: Cornell University (BA, 1966), University of Chicago Law School (JD, 1969).

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Practice Areas: Partner in Sidley's Chicago office and Head of the Chicago Real Estate Group. He practices in commercial real estate, focusing on acquisitions and dispositions of real estate (and interests in real estate), debt and equity financing and structured finance. He represents institutional investors, commercial banks, investment banks, insurance companies, pension funds, their investment advisors, REITS and opportunity funds. He has represented lenders in loan workouts and restructurings and in the development of their form loan documents and administration of their loan programs.

Personal: University of Chicago Law School, JD, 1985; University of Illinois, BS, 1982. CPA. Admission: Illinois.

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Recommended in Insurance

Practice Areas: Partner in Sidley's Chicago office, practicing in insurance and insurance/reinsurance disputes. He focuses on property and casualty and life and health areas. He has extensive experience arbitrating and litigating reinsurance disputes on behalf of ceding companies, reinsurers, and receivers. He has arbitrated dozens of reinsurance disputes, addressing issues such as allocation of loss payments, aggregation of claims, late notice, ECO/XPL coverage, follow the fortunes, pre-hearing security, cessions of declaratory judgment expenses and retention warranties.

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Career: Co-leads Schiff Hardin's Insurance Group. For more than 25 years, Mr Spector has ranked among the preeminent American practitioners in the insurance field. His expertise encompasses a variety of complex matters, including reinsurance litigation and arbitration, insurance company insolvencies, business counseling, and coverage litigation. Numerous national and international practice excellence honors.

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Prof. Memberships: American Bar Association, Litigation and Antitrust Sections; Chicago Bar Association; Chicago Inn of Court.

Career: Admitted to the Illinois Bar, 1972. Member of the Trial Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Partner at Isham, Lincoln & Beale, 1979-88. Partner at Sidley & Austin, 1988-2000. Head of Regulatory/Litigation Group, 1995-2000. Co-Founder of his firm, 2000.

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Prof. Memberships: ABA; advisory board, Journal of Passthrough Entities.

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Career: JD, Harvard Law School, 1990 (editor, Harvard Law Review); MA, Stanford University, 1987; BA, Stanford University, 1987 (Phi Beta Kappa).

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Career: Assistant US Attorney (Chicago); law clerk to Chief Judge Robert F Peckham of US District Court, San Francisco.

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Career: Served as assistant US attorney. Law clerk for Judge William J Orrick of the Northern District of California. Adjunct Professor, DePaul University College of Law.

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