

Financial Services

Drawing on lawyers from across our practices and offices, we partner with our financial services clients globally, including commercial and investment banks, broker-dealers, insurers, real estate companies and private equity firms. We provide them with cutting-edge counseling on sophisticated international transactions and capital markets/banking and finance matters, restructuring, regulatory issues and developments, corporate and commercial disputes, as well as sensitive internal and governmental investigations.

Our one-firm approach ensures that our clients receive seamless and proactive legal service, regardless of the scope, location or complexity of a given matter.

Wide-ranging Transactional Experience in the Financial Services Industry

Lawyers in our Corporate Department have extensive experience representing leading financial institutions and other financial services companies in a wide range of corporate transactions, including investment grade lending, leveraged acquisition and recapitalization transactions, initial public offerings, secondary offerings, investment grade and high yield debt offerings, securitizations, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures. Our clients include almost every major player in the industry, such as Black Knight, Citi, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, AIG, UBS, Macquarie, Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse and many others.

Extensive Litigation Experience Representing Financial Institutions

Lawyers in our Litigation Department have collectively represented major financial institutions and their directors and executives in virtually every major legal event to have affected the business world in recent memory, including market timing and late trading, IPO laddering, and the Enron bankruptcy, as well as issues pertaining to the global financial crisis, insider trading, LIBOR, the Stanford financial fraud, and major initial public offerings and other corporate transactions. Weil has recently won various financial-services litigation victories on behalf of such clients as Marsh & McLennan, Morgan Stanley, MBIA and Credit Suisse.

Premier Restructuring Capabilities.

Weil has represented many of the largest and most complex global financial institutions, whether it be in the context of an out-of-court restructuring or through the chapter 11 or rehabilitation process. During the global financial crisis, Weil served as chief debtors' counsel in the largest U.S. bankruptcy financial services cases in history, including Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual, and the administration of MF Global; representing the court-appointed rehabilitator of the Financial Guaranty Insurance Company (FGIC); and representing AIG in its out-of-court restructuring.

Some of the largest global financial institutions have also turned to Weil for advice on establishing resolution plans, commonly referred to as “living wills,” which are required of systemically important financial institutions (SIFIs) pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act. Weil's Financial Institutions Regulatory lawyers team with their Bankruptcy/Restructuring peers to provide invaluable advice in connection with establishing a plan for a rapid and orderly resolution in the event of material financial distress or failure of a systemically important financial institution.

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