


Chicago

Serving Clients in Chicago
and Around the Globe





*“Make no little plans; they
have no magic to stir men’s
souls....Make big plans; aim
high in hope and work.”*

DANIEL BURNHAM

Architect of The Plan of Chicago

A Chicago Home, Built on a Strong Global Foundation

In 2017, King & Spalding expanded its international platform into the Midwest with the opening of its Chicago office – the firm’s 20th globally and 10th in the U.S.

Our Chicago office boasts lawyers with deep roots in the city and decades of experience in both the public and private sectors. This dynamic and diverse team brings together leading litigation and transactional capabilities across a broad range of practice areas and industries.

With a solid grounding in government investigations, white-collar defense, complex commercial litigation, class action defense, corporate/M&A and restructuring transactions, King & Spalding’s Chicago office serves clients around the globe. By tapping into our integrated team of more than 1,000 lawyers spanning specialties and jurisdictions worldwide, we bring the right capabilities to the table for our clients no matter where they are located or the type of legal issues they face.



“King & Spalding has a remarkable track record of extending its platform around the world, and we are proud to have now brought the resources of this excellent firm to Chicago. We are excited to be serving the many existing King & Spalding clients based in the Midwest and beyond, and to welcome new clients to the firm’s global platform.”

ZACH FARDON
Former U.S. Attorney
Office managing partner
and head of litigation, Chicago

Our Chicago Story

Our team includes former federal prosecutors who have served the city of Chicago for decades and nationally recognized private practice attorneys who are leaders in their fields and active in the city’s business and civic communities.

COMING FULL CIRCLE

Former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois **Zach Fardon** rejoined the firm in 2017 to establish our Chicago office and serves as its managing partner. Zach – who began his career at King & Spalding as an associate in our Washington, D.C., office – most recently served for four years as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where he oversaw successful prosecutions in healthcare, securities and commodities fraud, public corruption, terrorism and violent crime. Zach has gained national recognition as a litigator, investigator and trial lawyer, handling dozens of high-profile cases including the successful prosecution of former Illinois Governor George Ryan and the high-profile corruption trial related to red-light cameras in Chicago.

BRINGING ON TOP TALENT

Zach’s trial partner in the Ryan case, former Assistant U.S. Attorney **Patrick Collins**, was next to join our Chicago office, providing our team additional depth in government and internal investigations as well as complex civil and criminal matters. Patrick spent more than a decade as a federal prosecutor in Chicago, where he helped lead the U.S. Attorney’s Office’s highly regarded Public Corruption Section.

From there, we have continued to grow our team to align with our clients’ international business and legal needs, bringing on top talent in data privacy and security, M&A/corporate, financial restructuring, finance and class action litigation. Our lawyers advise companies in the Midwest and beyond.

COMMITTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our firm’s investment in Chicago extends beyond our client work and into our broader community. Our entire team has deep roots in Chicago and a strong commitment to its betterment. Through our dedication to pro bono work and service to our community, we serve causes and organizations focused on the reduction of gun violence, support for at-risk youth, equal access to justice for the poor, asylum, education and the arts and others.

In its first year, King & Spalding’s Chicago office was named to Public Interest Law Institute’s Pro Bono Recognition Roster for demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to pro bono work.



Local Strengths, Global Expertise

We have built a Chicago team to meet the complex litigation and transactional needs of our clients – and with the resources of our 1,000-lawyer firm, we are able to serve them wherever those needs arise.

GOVERNMENT MATTERS

SPECIAL MATTERS AND GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Our Chicago team comprises a former U.S. Attorney, two former Assistant U.S. Attorneys and the former Chief of Staff for Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's Illinois Reform Commission. They are part of our firm-wide practice comprising more than 100 lawyers worldwide.

DATA, PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Lawyers in our Chicago office have extensive experience handling investigations and litigation stemming from data breaches of all kinds, including cybersecurity attacks and exfiltration of protected information, and counseling clients regarding data breach preparedness.

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Antitrust
- Energy Regulatory
- Environmental Health and Safety
- FDA and Life Sciences
- Government Advocacy and Public Policy
- Healthcare
- International Trade
- Securities Enforcement and Regulation

Two-Time White Collar Practice Group of the Year
LAW360

Privacy Practice Group of the Year
LAW360

2017 Law Firm of the Year for Mass Tort/Class Actions

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT AND BEST LAWYERS

Ranked Tier 1 nationally for commercial litigation

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TRIAL AND GLOBAL DISPUTES

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

King & Spalding has a world-class bench of first-chair trial lawyers with substantial experience winning difficult, high-stakes cases in the most challenging jurisdictions. Our practice includes 11 active members of the American College of Trial Lawyers – two of whom are based in Chicago – and more than 600 litigators worldwide.

CLASS ACTION DEFENSE

Our class action defense practice has litigated class action cases in virtually every major jurisdiction throughout the country, including significant cases where charges of deceptive consumer practices, unfair competition, false advertising, economic product defect, state and federal privacy violations and other torts are alleged.

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Appellate, Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation
- Construction and Engineering Disputes
- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- E-Discovery
- Insurance Coverage and Recovery
- Intellectual Property
- International Arbitration and Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Toxic and Environmental Torts

CORPORATE, FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

CORPORATE/M&A

Our Chicago corporate team advises on a wide range of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, investment and venture capital transactions, joint ventures, reorganizations and restructurings, and corporate governance matters.

FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING

From initial group formation stage through transaction completion, we advise strategic creditors on every aspect of formulating, negotiating, and effectuating in-court and out-of-court financial and operational restructurings and work-outs. Our team also counsels companies and sponsors across industries on liability management and the sale of distressed assets and equity both in and out of court.

LEVERAGED FINANCE

Our leveraged finance practice brings together more than 100 lawyers around the world to represent clients across the full range of complex financings. From Chicago, we have represented private equity sponsors, private and public companies and commercial lending institutions on credit facilities related to leveraged acquisitions, recapitalizations and loan workouts and restructurings.

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Activist Defense
- Alternative Capital and Credit Funds
- Capital Markets
- Construction and Procurement
- Corporate Governance
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Energy and Infrastructure Projects
- Investment Funds and Asset Management
- Middle East and Islamic Finance and Investment
- Private Equity
- Real Estate
- Securitization
- Tax
- Technology and Emerging Companies

Ranked among the top U.S. Corporate/M&A practices

CHAMBERS USA

One of the most active bankruptcy law firms

THE DEAL

One of America's best corporate law firms

CORPORATE BOARD MEMBER MAGAZINE

Deep Industry Experience

We specialize in the industries that are backbones of the local, national and global economies, and bring to our clients a deep understanding of the commercial drivers and unique legal issues that affect them.

- Life Sciences/Healthcare
- Financial Services
- Automotive, Transportation and Mobility
- Food and Beverage
- Energy
- Franchising and Hospitality

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*Winner: 2018 Award for
Excellence in Healthcare*

CHAMBERS USA

*Life Sciences Practice
Group of the Year*

LAW360

*Health Practice
Group of the Year*

LAW360

*Ranked a top financial
and corporate law firm in
jurisdictions worldwide*

IFLR1000

*Ranked among the top
firms in the world for
Energy & Projects*

CHAMBERS GLOBAL

*A Tier 1 firm for Transport:
Rail and Road Finance*

LEGAL 500 US

*One of the nation’s top
firms for Food & Beverage:
Regulatory and Litigation*

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