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Established in 1985, BCLP's New York office is the firm's second largest in the U.S. as a result of the 2002 merger with Manhattan-based Robinson Silverman Pearce Aronsohn & Berman LLP.

Our New York lawyers take on many *pro bono* representations on behalf of poor and disadvantaged populations. The office maintains ongoing referral relationships with a diverse range of organizations including Hot Bread Kitchen, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, the Office of the Appellate Defender, the Legal Aid Society, Family Equality Council, MFY Legal Services, the Partnership for New York City and the New York City AIDS Memorial Park Campaign.

COMMUNITY

Our lawyers and staff are active members of the New York community. The New York office proudly supports our "signature" charitable effort, Union Settlement Association, which builds a stronger community in East Harlem. In 2013, our New York partners launched a scholarship fund in honor of our late partner, former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch. Each year, scholarships are awarded to high school seniors from the Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies.

We are also active in City Harvest's Skip Lunch Fight Hunger program, Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon, Inc., the Justice Resource Center – National MENTOR Moot Court and Mock Trial Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City Workplace Mentoring Program, the American Heart Association, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Lee National Denim Day in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and New York City Bar Chorus.

The New York office is composed of over 80 lawyers who practice in a wide range of legal disciplines, including:

BANKRUPTCY, RESTRUCTURING AND CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Our lawyers have in-depth experience representing secured lenders, special servicers, indenture trustees, debtors, creditors' committees, individual creditors and entities interested in acquiring troubled companies or their assets in bankruptcy cases and out-of-court restructurings and workouts. We also counsel clients on domestic and cross-border bankruptcy and creditors' rights matters, loan workouts and restructurings and prepare the true sale and non-consolidation opinions necessary for sophisticated corporate and real estate transactions.

CORPORATE FINANCE / MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

We regularly advise clients on highly complex corporate transactions including domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions and public and private issuance of debt and equity. We also regularly act as disclosure counsel to domestic and foreign public companies. Our clients are from a wide range of industries, including financial services, retail, manufacturing and technology. Lawyers in our [emerging companies practice](#) represent startup and emerging growth companies in every stage of development from inception through entry into the public markets or a sale.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE

We handle all aspects of environmental law and litigation for New York industrial, commercial and real estate clients, as well as several public benefit corporations, public authorities and municipalities. Our land use lawyers represent developers, public authorities and municipalities in zoning, land use, historic preservation, building code, administrative proceedings and litigation matters.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

We represent banks, finance companies and other lenders and borrowers in all aspects of commercial lending. Our work includes both asset-based lending and high-risk specialty finance lending. We assist clients in structuring, negotiating, documenting and administering all manner of loans. Our [Fund Finance Team](#) regularly represents institutional clients in connection with U.S. and offshore financing transactions for mutual funds, closed-end funds, hedge funds, private equity funds and other types of pooled investment vehicles. Our [Corporate Trust Team](#) represents the leading corporate trust departments in the financial services industry, handling domestic and global origination transactions, litigation and default/bankruptcy matters.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

For businesses invested in intellectual property – including chemical, pharmaceutical, biochemical, electrical/electronic, mechanical and computer technology fields – our lawyers can add significant

value by creating and implementing intellectual property strategies, in addition to handling a wide range of litigation and related patent office proceedings, patent and trademark preparation and prosecution, and intellectual property licensing and transactions. We are a leading firm for handling high-value patent challenges for Fortune 500 technology companies. With our combined depth of experience in patent prosecution and litigation, we have a strong record practicing before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), as well as the trial experience key to handling inter partes reviews and other PTAB proceedings.

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

Our practice covers all aspects of employment discrimination, wage and hour, and traditional labor law, as well as employment contracts and policies, and related litigation: class actions, non-compete and trade secrets, federal and state agency administrative proceedings, and employment and labor arbitration. We advise employers on union organizing, employee terminations, reductions in force, leaves, overtime exemptions and labor and employment law compliance; negotiate collective bargaining agreements; draft employment handbooks, policies and agreements; and provide compliance training for management.

LITIGATION

Our Litigation Group combines the experience of our attorneys in all phases and types of dispute resolution – in trial and appellate courts, regulatory proceedings, domestic and international arbitrations and mediations – with innovative uses of technology and cost-effective approaches to project management. Our litigators are experienced in virtually every substantive area and industry, including banking, securities, real estate, employment, environmental, insurance, white collar criminal defense, attorney and accountant liability and fiduciary litigation. Our [International Arbitration Team](#) represents corporate, sovereign and individual clients in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations brought under all of the major arbitration rules and ad hoc.

PREPAID AND EMERGING PAYMENTS

We have a leading practice in the areas of prepaid and emerging payments including gift cards, prepaid and reward cards, mobile payments, eWallets, virtual currencies, credit cards, debit cards and check processing. We advise banks, payment networks, processors, retailers, program managers and marketers, ACH networks, and bill payment and payment facilitation companies regarding federal and state consumer protection, privacy, data security and anti-money laundering laws, as well as state abandoned property and money transmitter licensing laws.

PRIVATE CLIENT

Our private client lawyers engage in sophisticated personal estate and tax planning, probate and trust administration, business succession planning, will, estate and trust litigation, charitable planning, pre-marital planning and related legal services. The group counsels and represents clients throughout the United States and internationally, ranging from individuals, families and closely-held businesses to major trust and charitable institutions.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCINGS

Our *Chambers USA*-rated real estate practice has handled many of the most exciting and sophisticated transactions in the country, providing comprehensive legal services addressing all facets of real estate ownership, commercial leasing, joint ventures, development, land use, regulation, investment and financing and covering nearly every asset class. We are active in the creation and offering of residential and mixed-use condominiums and cooperatives. Within our real estate practice is the [Real Estate Private Equity and Joint Venture Team](#), a coordinated, multi-disciplinary group with vast capacities in real estate, corporate, tax, ERISA and other related legal specialties.

TAX ADVICE AND CONTROVERSY

On the transactional side, our Tax Group regularly provides tax advice and tax planning with respect to mergers and acquisitions, international transactions, sophisticated real estate transactions, joint ventures, venture capital and private equity funds, executive compensation and state and local tax matters. In tax controversy matters, we regularly represent clients on federal tax matters before the Internal Revenue Service and in the United States Tax Court and on state and local matters before the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and New York City Department of Finance, among others.

WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE AND INVESTIGATIONS

Our White Collar Group regularly defends companies and individuals in criminal investigations brought by the DOJ and U.S. Attorneys' Offices, as well as state district attorneys and attorneys general. We also conduct independent and internal investigations and compliance audits, ordered by in-house counsel, audit committees, or other groups of independent directors, or by independent monitors or trustees, receivers or examiners.

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PFAS Air Emissions Restrictions

When evaluating legal risk relating to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"), most businesses typically consider wastewater, groundwater, or soil impacts, not air emissions. However, state and federal regulatory agencies have increasingly considered whether PFAS in air emissions affect the environment, paving the path for future emission controls. This article outlines the legal and policy developments at the state and federal level that relate to PFAS in air emissions to help businesses mitigate risk and anticipate changes that may impact their operations.

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PFAS in Consumer Products: State-by-State Regulations

Manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products across a broad spectrum of industries are being impacted by state laws regulating the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) in their products. This area is rapidly developing as states create new laws or amend existing ones, and the penalties and litigation risks for non-compliance can be significant.

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Corporate Hybrid Bonds – at a glance

The corporate hybrid bond market has recently drawn the attention of corporate bond issuers, investors and rating agencies. In a falling interest rate environment and generally constructive primary and secondary European debt capital markets activity, seasoned issuers across sectors – including utilities, real estate, and energy – have accessed debt capital markets in the hybrid format, often with tight pricing spreads. Corporate utility companies represent the primary issuers of corporate hybrid bonds on account of current significant capital expenditure needs, and, looking forward, the need to raise capital to increase energy capacity in order to accommodate AI and data center development. Therefore, hybrid bonds are expected to be a core financing option for the utility sector. In this article, Vishal Mawkin (partner, London), Andrew Rodman (counsel, New York) and Asad Khan (trainee solicitor, London) of BCLP ...

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State Laws Present Litigation Risks for Financial Industry’s Artificial Intelligence Use

The financial industry increasingly uses artificial intelligence (“AI”) to raise business efficiencies, improve customer experience, and limit fraud and crime. However, two lawsuits leveraging existing state privacy laws and a spate of new AI-specific legislation spotlight how this use could implicate state laws and expose financial institutions to litigation.

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Executive Order Seeks to Impose False Claims Act Liability on Government Contractor and Grantee DEI Programs

On January 21, 2025, the Trump Administration issued an executive order entitled “Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit Based Opportunity” (“EO”). The stated purpose of the EO is to direct the federal government to enforce the civil rights laws by taking action against “illegal” preferences and discrimination, including measures taking aim at private sector diversity, equity, and inclusion (“DEI”) policies and programs. As we highlighted, the EO has significant implications for federal contractor affirmative action obligations and serves as a strong signal of the Trump administration’s increased scrutiny toward private sector DEI programs. Importantly, the EO also seeks to impose False Claims Act liability on federal contractors and grant recipients who maintain DEI programs that run afoul of federal civil rights law.