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Morgan Lewis represents hundreds of international clients doing business in the United States. Our diverse roster of international clients includes leading European, Asian, and other companies across a wide range of industries. Serving these clients has made us well versed in the myriad legal issues faced by international entities seeking to operate in the single largest economy in the world.

Our lawyers draw upon the breadth of the firm's experience in mergers and acquisitions, competition, environmental regulation, employee benefits, government contracts, intellectual property, labor and employment, tax, trade, customs, anti-corruption, and other regulatory matters to help clients promptly resolve all potential issues related to U.S. investment and operations.

Whether it is a U.S. matter that relates to an acquisition, competition, an IPO, a financing, intellectual property, or tax planning, our clients rely on us for best-in-class results.

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One of three firms in the nation named to BTI Consulting Group's Client Service Hall of Fame (2011)

Clients include more than half of the Fortune 100, including 9 of the top 10 and 16 of the top 20

Advised on more than 600 M&A transactions in the last five years with a combined market value of more than \$200 billion

Ranked in the *Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms* (2011)

Ranked as the top law firm in *Corporate Counsel* magazine's listing of "Who Represents America's Biggest Companies?" (2011)

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practice areas

Anti-corruption
Antitrust/competition
Corporate and commercial
Customs and export controls
Emerging business and technology
Employee benefits
Energy
Finance
Foreign investment regulation
Fund formation
Immigration
Intellectual property
Labor and employment
Litigation
Mergers and acquisitions (including joint ventures, spin-offs, and strategic alliances)
Outsourcing transactions
Private equity
Real estate
Restructuring
Securities (including public and private equity and debt offerings)
Tax and structuring
Shipping and logistics
Technology and telecommunications

mergers and acquisitions/joint ventures/strategic alliances

Our lawyers represent international clients in cross-border M&A transactions, including stock and asset acquisitions and sales in the United States. We assist clients of all types – sellers, buyers, investors, investment and commercial banks, private equity and venture capital firms, hedge funds, institutional lenders, and independent director committees and management groups – with their U.S. needs. We also advise clients as they establish complex, sophisticated joint ventures, as well as license, technology transfer, development, distribution, supply, employment, and consulting agreements and other forms of strategic alliances in the United States.

finance

We offer sophisticated and cost-effective representation to clients in banking and commercial finance; structured finance; maritime finance; acquisition finance; and derivatives, energy, project, and infrastructure finance, including public private partnerships (PPPs) and cross-border finance.

antitrust/U.S.-foreign investment regulation

Our regulatory lawyers guide our clients through any necessary antitrust filings, as well as notifications to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. We also negotiate foreign ownership and control mitigation plans with relevant government agencies for those transactions affecting strategic industries.

tax

We assist clients in the structuring of international corporate groups; the establishment of subsidiaries and branches; the drafting of intercompany agreements; and the planning and negotiation of mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations. We counsel international companies with respect to their U.S. investments, providing advice on corporate income tax, value-added tax, excise duties, and capital duties.

intellectual property

We advise clients concerning all aspects of intellectual property: patent, trademark, and copyright prosecution; litigation; licensing; enforcement programs; trade secret protection; and the full range of intellectual property issues that arise in business transactions. We regularly help non-U.S. companies avoid U.S. IP pitfalls, and we bring an international perspective to intellectual property business issues and opportunities that clients face in the United States.

anti-corruption/anti-money laundering/ customs and export controls

Our lawyers regularly advise clients on compliance issues regarding anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, and customs and export control laws in connection with cross-border M&A and other investment transactions. We counsel clients on third-party due diligence as well as the development, implementation, and monitoring of compliance and ethics programs with a specific focus on minimizing international regulatory risk.

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