

Corporate Practice Group

Outside General Counsel Services



Levenfeld Pearlstein's Corporate Group represents business owners, investors, and organizations ranging from mid-sized, entrepreneur-led companies to large national and global enterprises. We serve as trusted legal advisors at every stage of a business's lifecycle, providing practical, business-focused counsel on complex legal, tax, and operational matters.

Our attorneys act as day-to-day general counsel for many clients, working closely with leadership teams to address immediate needs while anticipating future challenges. By understanding each client's business objectives and risk tolerance, we deliver legal solutions aligned with both short-term priorities and long-term strategy.

WHAT WE DO & HOW WE WORK

We provide responsive, high-quality representation and practical solutions to legal, tax, and business issues that arise in operating and growing a business. Our approach emphasizes clear communication, sound judgment, and timely execution. We focus on delivering actionable advice grounded in market knowledge and tailored to real-world business considerations across industries and jurisdictions.

Clients value our accessibility, efficiency, and commitment to being active partners in achieving business objectives, not just legal advisors.

OUR CLIENTS

We represent national and international companies, private equity funds, independent sponsors, strategic acquirers, family offices, high-net-worth individuals, and private investors. Our experience spans a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, private equity, business and professional services, technology, and real estate.



HOW WE ADD VALUE

We build long-term relationships as trusted strategic advisors focused on solving problems and simplifying complexity. Our attorneys provide candid, practical guidance and leverage experience, proprietary tools, and market insight to help clients operate more efficiently and effectively.

We add value by:

- Delivering practical advice aligned with business goals
- Applying market knowledge to key deal terms and structuring decisions
- Working within clearly defined, thoughtfully developed budgets
- Using proprietary forms and project management tools to drive efficiency and cost savings
- Making strategic introductions to service providers, talent, investors, and potential opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION

View all of our professionals in the [Corporate Practice Group](#).

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REACH

Levenfeld Pearlstein is the exclusive Chicago law firm member of **GGI Global Alliance**, a group of international audit, accounting, law and consulting firms, enabling us to quickly source reliable and focused knowledge around the world as needed. This network broadens our abilities to attorneys around the world who we can call on in special situations and allows us to rapidly secure local counsel assistance for our clients generally.

COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM

We work collaboratively across practice groups with specialists experienced in corporate, tax, labor and employment, ERISA and employee benefits, intellectual property, financial services and restructuring, real estate, estate planning, litigation and other disciplines that are directly relevant to your business.

AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE:

CORPORATE

Law Firm M&A
Mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures
Business formation and strategic planning
Corporate transactional and contract matters
Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs)
Post-transactional integration and clean-up services
Corporate governance and organizational matters
Private offerings and private placement memoranda
Fund formations
Initial Public Offerings/Reporting Company matters
Registered Investment Adviser matters
Venture capital and growth equity investments

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Strategic patent and trademark portfolio planning and development (domestic and foreign)
Preparation and prosecution of patent and trademark applications (domestic and foreign)
Product/business services clearance for market (clearance and validity/invalidity opinions)
Copyright application preparation and prosecution
Multi-level IP due diligence
IP/technology transactions and licensing
IP portfolio management

LITIGATION

Commercial litigation
Non-compete counseling litigation
Arbitration and mediation
Environmental
Finance & bankruptcy litigation
Ownership and partnership disputes
Intellectual property litigation
Real estate litigation
Risk management & insurance

FINANCIAL SERVICES & RESTRUCTURING

Borrower and Lender Representation
Note Acquisitions and Dispositions
Hard Money Lending/Private Money Lending
Committee Representation
Mezzanine finance

LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, PENSION AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Prevention and compliance services
Employment litigation
Union avoidance and labor relations
Employment contracts and other agreements
Pension liability issues (single employer and multi-employer plans)
Employee benefit matters under ERISA, Health Reform, HIPAA and Tax Code
Training management on compliance with employment and labor obligations
Drafting and updating of handbooks and policies

CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY

Data privacy and cybersecurity transactions and compliance matters
Privacy assessments and incident response
Data management, information security and data privacy programs

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Manufacturing and distribution agreements/consignment agreements
Agreements for IT services companies/Software-as-a-service and web-based companies
Services agreements, customer agreements and contract management
Limited liability company agreements/shareholder agreements
Stock option and incentive plans
Website review

TAX PLANNING & LITIGATION

Sophisticated US tax planning
Transactional tax planning
State and Local Taxation (SALT)
International taxation
Tax controversy – IRS, state and local tax audits
Transfer tax planning
Unclaimed property

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

Estate plans; gift planning; asset protection planning
Premarital agreements
Gift tax and estate tax returns
Probate administration, including contested estates
Charitable planning
Trustee advisory work

SPECIALTY SERVICES

Ownership and management succession planning
Acquisitions through UCC foreclosure sales
Restructuring and financial workouts
Minority and woman-owned business certifications
1031 exchange transactions, including tenancy-in-common structures
Non-consolidation opinions
We offer customized extranet portals, periodic “wellness checks” and process improvement consulting at no charge to our clients