



FOCUSED ON FINANCE

CHAPMAN
Focused on Finance®

FOCUSED ON FINANCE

WHO WE ARE

At Chapman, our lawyers focus exclusively on finance, representing the most sophisticated financial companies and institutional investors in the world.

Leading Practices: We are known for our industry-leading practices in institutional private placements, commercial lending, structured finance, public finance, lease finance, registered investment company funds, and bankruptcy and restructuring.

Innovation Mindset: Chapman is on the leading edge of legal services innovation, investing in new technology and practice management solutions for our firm and our clients to drive efficiency, agility, and client service.

Market Insight: Our lawyers understand the evolving needs of financial sector clients and skillfully combine legal acumen with business and market insight. We share our insight to help clients advance their business and product development goals.

Geographic Reach: Our offices are located in key US finance centers: Charlotte, Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Washington, DC.

CLIENTS WE SERVE

Our clients include insurance companies, domestic and international banks, investment banks, finance and leasing companies, investment funds, state and local governmental bodies, public pension plans, utilities and renewable energy companies, and other investors in a broad range of financial transactions, regulatory, and litigated matters. We have worked with these clients to invent many original financing products and structures that are still used today.

Our client relationships have spanned decades and literally a century – Chapman's first client in 1913 is still a client of the firm today. Because of our century-long commitment to being a finance-focused firm, we have been fortunate to encounter nearly every finance issue imaginable.

OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

We believe in doing our part to give back to the communities where we work and live, and we are deeply committed to the well-being of our employees and the sustainability of our environment.

Pro Bono: Whether we are representing clients directly, filing amicus briefs on our clients' behalf, or helping to reform legislation, we are passionate about using our legal skills and knowledge to help improve people's lives, one story at a time.

Environmental Sustainability: Chapman is committed to making sustainable choices every day, including lighting and energy conservation, recycling and composting, water use reduction, and green purchasing.

Community Engagement: We champion causes as diverse as our employees. Our attorneys and staff volunteer time, serve on boards, and donate money to nonprofits and charities around the world.

Wellness: Chapman is a signatory of the American Bar Association's Well-Being Pledge, which recognizes that substance abuse and mental health problems represent a significant challenge for the legal profession. In addition to providing access to external mental health resources and services, Chapman arranges in-house exercise classes, guided meditation sessions, and mental health and wellness presentations to support the holistic well-being of all employees.

Diversity: Chapman places a high priority on workplace diversity and inclusion, and our programs and initiatives have achieved results. We are consistently ranked among the best law firms in the country for women, ethnically diverse, and LGBTQ+ attorney representation.

PRACTICE DEPTH

Asset Securitization: Chapman has a leading practice providing regulatory advice to clients structuring securitization transactions. We represent issuers, originators, sponsors and managers, lenders and other funding sources, trustees and back-up servicers, and other financial services entities in structured finance transactions, including commercial paper conduit and bank fundings, term securitizations, collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), credit linked notes (CLNs), and restructurings and workouts of securitizations.

Bank Corporate and Regulatory: Chapman advises on a broad scope of financial institution activities, including chartering of new institutions, bank regulation and compliance, deposit and investment products, credit/debit and store value cards, cash management and payments systems, and mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures.

Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Workouts: Chapman is recognized as one of the leading US creditors' counsel in bankruptcy, restructuring, and workouts. We have been involved in many of the largest bankruptcies in the United States, including major airline, financial services, utilities, retail, and manufacturing cases. In addition, we maintain a strong commercial, financial, and consumer finance litigation and dispute resolution practice.

Commercial Lending: Chapman represents lenders in secured and unsecured credit facilities ranging from single-lender to secured, syndicated credit facilities. We have documented virtually every lending structure from asset-based lending to construction lending and leveraged buyout financing. We also have a significant acquisition/sponsor finance practice, structuring facilities across a wide variety of industry verticals, including agribusiness, health care, real estate, infrastructure, and energy.

Corporate Counseling and Employment Benefits: Chapman provides general corporate and employee benefit counseling to domestic and international corporate clients.

Corporate Finance and Securities: Chapman represents financial institutions and issuers in both public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, including domestic and cross-border private placements and Rule 144A offerings, public offerings, private equity, hedge funds, mezzanine, and project finance. We also counsel issuers with respect to disclosure requirements, stock exchange rules, and compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Digital Assets and Blockchain: Chapman attorneys are at the forefront of developments in the digital asset and blockchain space. We advise clients across legal products, including regulatory, corporate, investment management, tax, and litigation matters, and across borders on multi-jurisdictional mandates.

Environment, Energy, and Resources: Chapman routinely oversees the environmental, energy, and natural resource aspects of a large variety of sophisticated transactions, including those involving the acquisition or refinancing of complex real estate, energy, manufacturing, and mining portfolios.

ESG Finance and Impact Investing: Chapman's ESG finance and impact investing experience includes green bond, social impact bond, and public-private partnership projects; single and multi-family housing and senior living facilities; Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs; wind, solar, hydro, and other renewable energy projects, as well as representing investment funds in the formation of both registered and exempt funds for investment in social programs.

Health, Education, and Not-for-Profit Finance: Chapman has one of the largest not-for-profit finance teams in the country working on financings in the health care, higher education, and cultural institution sectors.

Investment Management: Chapman helped develop the unit investment trust product in the 1960s, and our investment management team now represents thousands of unit investment trusts and open-end and closed-end investment funds, as well as registered investment companies, private funds, investment advisers, broker-dealers, and municipal advisors. Chapman also has a leading practice forming exchange-traded funds.

Lease Finance: Chapman is a market leader in representing a wide range of lessees, lessors, capital providers, and underwriters in lease finance transactions. We have extensive experience with all types of lease finance structures. We also represent leasing companies in portfolio management, financing, and joint venture transactions.

Marketplace Lending and Fintech: Chapman represents lenders, platforms, sponsor banks, and investors in the online lending/fintech market, including clients operating in the digital assets or cryptocurrency space. We have worked on transactions involving nearly every major consumer and small business platform. When leverage providers, aggregators, platforms, or investors want to enter this market, Chapman is a go-to firm.

Public Finance: Chapman is one of the leading US law firms for state and municipal finance. We serve in a variety of roles, including bank, credit enhancement, underwriter's, bond, disclosure, special tax, and regulatory counsel.

Public-Private Partnerships: Chapman acts as counsel to both public and private sector participants in P3 transactions, making use of our deep experience in mergers and acquisitions, securities, privatization strategies, and private and public offerings.

Tax: Chapman is one of the leading US firms providing advice on tax issues for corporate, financial product, and municipal finance transactions, with emphasis on the representation of state and local governments and financial institutions.

Trust Counsel and Estate Planning: Chapman represents the corporate and personal trust departments of financial institutions and provides estate and gift planning and probate services.



Chapman and Cutler LLP

Charlotte Chicago New York Salt Lake City San Francisco Washington, DC
chapman.com