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2022

The leading lawyers
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Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP

is ranked in Chambers USA 2022 as follows:

Delaware

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

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Leading Firms
Band 1
Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP
Leading Individuals
Star individuals
Abbott Derek C <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Band 1
Dehney Robert J <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Band 3
Miller Curtis <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Schwartz Eric D <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Band 4
Remming Andrew R <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Harvey Matthew B. <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP

What the team is known for Standout business reorganization and restructuring team that has significant experience in both lead and co-counsel roles. Possesses a deep bench of lawyers well versed in handling Chapter 11 cases for numerous stakeholders including debtors, creditors and acquirers. Recognized for its strengths across loan workouts and reorganization proceedings, and in bankruptcy-related disputes. Notable expertise in industries including retail and oil and gas.

Strengths *“Morris Nichols is a Delaware powerhouse with a bench of fierce litigators. They bring to the table an ability to litigate tough and complex issues and approach every case with stamina and endurance.”*
“Their lawyers are first-rate.”

Work highlights Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell acted as co-counsel to debtors in Boy Scouts of America’s bankruptcy stemming from numerous sexual abuse claims.

Notable practitioners

Highly regarded practitioner **Derek Abbott** remains a strong choice for high-profile companies seeking advice on Chapter 11 proceedings. He is also well placed to advise creditors and other parties. *“Derek is great to work with – he’s pragmatic and practical.”*
Robert Dehney routinely acts on high-value mandates such as Chapter 11 proceedings. His client roster includes creditors and distressed companies in the healthcare and energy sectors. *“Robert is a fierce and concise litigator who is good on his feet. He approaches issues from a holistic standpoint and is always 12 moves ahead.”* *“He is fantastic – he’s smart, creative, and understands all angles of a problem.”*
“He’s super bright and has an impressive strategic ability.”

Curtis Miller has developed a notable bankruptcy practice. In addition to providing expert noncontentious advice, he is also held in high regard for his strength in courtroom proceedings. *“Curtis is smart, energetic, resourceful and terrific in the*

courtroom. He’s also wonderful with clients.” *“He’s effective and gets things done.”* *“Curtis is an excellent lawyer with detailed knowledge of bankruptcy law and experience in bankruptcy cases.”* **Eric Schwartz** has experience advising a range of stakeholders in bankruptcy proceedings, with clients ranging from debtors and creditors to stalking horse bidders. His practice encompasses both contentious and noncontentious work, including litigation arising from bankruptcy proceedings and distressed transactions. *“Eric is an excellent practitioner. He takes difficult problems and comes back with solutions.”* *“He’s an intellectual at heart and has endless curiosity.”*

Andrew Remming is recognized for his extensive Chapter 11 practice, while also offering experience in out-of-court mandates such as workouts. His broad client base includes debtors in sectors such as energy and biotechnology. **Matthew Harvey** is an up-and-coming lawyer with experience handling Chapter 11 and 7 matters. He frequently represents creditors in bankruptcy litigation. *“Matthew is an amazing lawyer. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of the bankruptcy code and Delaware case law.”* *“He is an outstanding litigator.”*

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Lafferty William M <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Nachbar Kenneth J <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
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Abramczyk Jon E <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Hurd S. Mark <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Scaggs, Jr R Judson <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Wood Waesco Susan <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
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Measley D. McKinley (Mac) <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>
Teklits David <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>

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What the team is known for A preeminent firm with a high level of experience and expertise across a range of commercial disputes. Praised by market sources for its work in lawsuits concerning M&A, takeover battles and proxy contests, among other matters. Represents a wide array of clients including shareholders, limited partners and limited liability companies. Also regularly advises special committees of independent directors on conflict of interest issues.

Strengths *“The team is very knowledgeable of the nuances of Delaware law and so they co-counsel clients very effectively. They’re a very high-quality firm.”*

“They are strong researchers, excellent writers and powerful advocates.”

“Morris Nichols really is a phenomenal resource.”

Work highlights Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell represented Brookfield Properties Partners and GGP in an action concerning a merger transaction in which Brookfield acquired the outstanding share of GGP that it did not own.

Notable practitioners

William Lafferty is chair of the firm’s executive committee and a respected litigator with notable experience representing clients in complex contentious mandates arising from failed merger agreements. In addition to his roster of corporate clients, he is also able to represent boards of directors. *“Part of what makes William very special is his business sense and his judgment all around.”* *“He’s a fountain of knowledge, he’s just a phenomenal lawyer.”* **Kenneth Nachbar** is highlighted for his expertise in high-value litigation including fiduciary duty and derivative actions, as well as books and records requests. *“He’s extremely knowledgeable and has an excellent reputation.”* *“Ken is a luminary of the Delaware Bar.”* **Jon Abramczyk** garners praise for his corporate litigation practice. He offers demonstrable expertise acting for both corporations

and individuals, and has experience handling high-value fiduciary duty disputes. *“Jon is very intelligent and very knowledgeable.”* *“He’s a very accomplished litigator.”* **Mark Hurd** advises clients in a broad range of disputes before the Court of Chancery, and frequently acts on litigation arising from merger agreements. He has experience acting for both plaintiffs and defendants. *“He is a very smart and active lawyer.”* **Judson Scaggs** has extensive experience advising clients on corporate litigation. His knowledge covers a range of disputes, including class and derivative actions. *“He’s a very capable lawyer.”* Clients turn to **Susan Wood Waesco** for her strong chancery experience. She is well-versed in representing both corporations and boards of directors on singular and class actions. *“She’s very experienced.”* *“A very seasoned lawyer with good judgment.”* **McKinley Measley** typically acts for defendants in litigation concerning merger disputes, fraud claims and stockholder suits. *“He has great judgment and is hard-working.”* *“He’s talented, smart and efficient.”* **David Teklits** is well known in the market for his advice on special committee issues and valuation matters. *“He clearly is extraordinarily knowledgeable.”*

Corporate/M&A & Alternative Entities

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Haskins Tariq J <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
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Leading Individuals	
Band 2	
Klinger-Wilensky Eric S <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell</i>	
Vella Patricia O <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
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DiVincenzo Melissa <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
Johnston Andrew M <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
Wolters Jeffrey R <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	

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What the team is known for Exceptional firm with a strong bench that provides the full range of commercial services, with particular strength working on alternative entity matters. Provides strong counsel on M&A, fund formation work and corporate litigation. Possesses experience in matters involving master limited partnerships, as well as advising prominent private equity, hedge and mutual funds. Also plays an important role in drafting and updating Delaware's alternative entities statutes.

Strengths *"The firm is excellent for our needs."*
"The team is excellent in all regards. Its lawyers are responsive, smart, knowledgeable, practical and good with clients."

Work highlights Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP provided Delaware law counsel to Alden Global Capital in connection with its acquisition of Tribune Publishing Company.

Notable practitioners

Louis Hering is highly regarded for his corporate practice and offers expertise in transactions

involving structures such as MLPs and limited partnerships. **Eric Klinger-Wilensky** is a corporate practitioner with broad transactional experience. He also advises on governance issues. *"Eric is extremely knowledgeable, provides very actionable advice and is all-round an outstanding attorney."* **Patricia O Vella** acts on a broad spectrum of corporate matters. These include transactional work with household-name clients. *"She is responsible and knowledgeable."*

Melissa DiVincenzo is a well-regarded corporate practitioner with a broad practice which includes M&A, IPOs and financings. She is noted for her expertise in Delaware law. *"Melissa is our go-to person in Delaware when we need advice in the state."*

Tarik Haskins is a respected attorney best known for his work with alternative entities. He regularly advises companies on the Delaware elements of M&A. **Andrew Johnston's** capabilities cover a broad spectrum of transactional corporate matters. **Jeffrey Wolters** is regularly sought out for his experience in high-value transactions and has notable expertise handling cross-border matters.

Intellectual Property

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Smith II Rodger D. <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
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Tigan Jeremy A <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
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Flynn Michael J <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	
Up-and-coming individuals	
Ying Jennifer <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	

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What the team is known for Preeminent IP practice that comes recommended for its patent-related work and has significant experience litigating cases in all areas of technology. Stands out for its unrivaled bench strength and is also regularly engaged to advise on copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets matters, handling disputes in the Delaware District Court and Delaware Court of Chancery, as well as in federal courts around the country. Regularly acts as both lead and local counsel for clients from an array of sectors, including leading names in the technology, pharmaceutical and telecommunications industries.

Strengths *"Morris Nichols is one of the strongest IP teams in Delaware."*
"The team is really responsive."

Work highlights Morris Nichols was co-counsel to defendant Clarus Therapeutics in a competitor litigation involving oral testosterone undecanoate compositions for men with low levels of natural testosterone.

Notable practitioners

Jack Blumenfeld offers unrivaled expertise in IP matters. He frequently litigates high-stakes pharmaceutical and technology patent infringement

cases on behalf of major companies. *"Jack is very sharp."* *"He is very well respected."* **Karen Jacobs** acts as both lead and local counsel in the Delaware courts and focuses on patent litigation within a range of industries, including the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and telecommunications sectors. *"Karen has a brilliant legal mind and she is very experienced."* **Rodger Smith** has vast experience assisting prominent clients in the technology sector, focusing particularly on complex litigation. *"He is great, he's so knowledgeable and he's a real team player, I always feel like I'm getting great insights."*

Jeremy Tigan regularly acts as both lead and local counsel in patent and trademark disputes. He has experience representing clients in the pharmaceutical and internet sectors. *"Jeremy is very active, he offers strategic advice and is really incredible."* **Michael Flynn** acts as both lead and local counsel in IP litigation across a variety of industries. He is particularly noted for his work representing clients in the biotechnology and consumer sectors. **Jennifer Ying** is noted as a rising talent in the IP space and regularly acts in patent and trademark disputes on behalf of clients from the pharmaceutical and telecommunications spaces. *"Her attention to detail is immense."*

Real Estate

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Band 2	
Betterly Katherine H <i>Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP</i>	

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Katherine Betterly of Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell regularly acts on big-ticket real estate transactions, including development projects and acquisitions. She represents both landlords and tenants on a range of leasing matters as well.

