

## Chicago

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## Overview

Located in the heart of downtown, Haynes Boone's Chicago office is a key part of the firm's strategic growth in the Midwest. Since opening in 2015, our team has become a trusted partner for clients across a range of industries, offering sophisticated counsel in finance, real estate, corporate transactions, and litigation. Chicago's position as a commercial, cultural, and financial hub aligns with our strengths and enables us to support leading businesses as they pursue growth and innovation. Our Chicago office is also home to Haynes Boone's AI-related initiatives.

## Practice Areas Represented

### [Finance](#)

Our Chicago finance team delivers customized, cutting-edge financing solutions tailored to our clients' strategic goals and risk profiles. We have advised more than 200 commercial lenders—including many of the world's top 20 global banks—as well as funds, sponsors, and corporations across a broad array of financing transactions, including:

- Asset-based lending, financial regulation, and derivatives
- Senior debt, corporate credit facilities, and acquisition financing
- Subscription credit facilities for private equity funds
- Project and energy finance, including cross-border and commodities transactions
- Prime brokerage and equity lending
- Public finance, including large-scale municipal and infrastructure offerings
- Restructurings, workouts, and recapitalizations

A leading focus of our practice is NAV financing, where we structure and negotiate a wide range of transactions, such as:

- Full-recourse, fund-level NAV loans
- SPV-based, fully siloed, and highly structured NAV facilities
- Master facilities across fund families backed by distinct NAV asset pools
- Hybrid NAV facilities
- NAV loans supported by secondaries and real estate assets

We are experienced in both rated and unrated NAV financings, NAV-related CLOs, and back-leverage structures. In addition, our attorneys provide guidance on complex regulatory issues,

including Regulation U and Rule 144 compliance.

## **Real Estate**

Our team counsels clients on all aspects of commercial real estate, including acquisitions, sales, development, leasing, financing, and dispute resolution. We represent REITs, pension funds, developers, lenders, borrowers, and other institutional stakeholders. Areas of focus include:

- Sale-leasebacks and mixed-use developments
- Solar and battery storage sites
- Brownfield redevelopment and environmental matters
- Distressed assets and opportunistic investments

## **Litigation**

We represent clients in complex litigation in state and federal courts, as well as in proceedings before regulatory and administrative bodies, including the Department of Labor and the EEOC.

## **Labor and Employment**

Our team provides practical counsel on a full range of employment issues, including:

- Employment agreements and restrictive covenants
- Independent contractor and separation agreements
- Workplace policies and handbooks
- Compliance training on hiring, terminations, harassment prevention, and union avoidance

## **M&A and Private Equity**

We advise public and private companies, financial institutions, and private equity firms on a wide range of M&A and investment transactions, including:

- Asset and stock purchases
- Joint Ventures and strategic alliances
- Private Equity acquisitions, financings, and exits

We also serve as outside general counsel to portfolio companies, providing strategic legal support across their business lifecycle.

## **Community Engagement**

Our Chicago office is deeply committed to giving back. We actively support civic and charitable organizations that work to strengthen and serve communities across the city.

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