

Firm Recognition



Chambers & Partners

Chambers and Partners, in its 2023 USA Guide, again ranked Seward & Kissel as Highly Regarded in its Corporate/M&A category.

Seward & Kissel LLP

WHAT THE TEAM IS KNOWN FOR

Particularly adept at sell-side and midmarket transactions and is recognized for its cross-border capabilities. The corporate team regularly handles deals involving European interests and often advises clients working in investment management and the shipping industry.

STRENGTHS

Clients report: **"The team is very good at complex matters. They are extremely responsive and deftly manage nuanced legal issues."**

Another says: **"We always felt as though our matters were top of mind. The overall level of service and communication provided by them was absolutely stellar."**

One client commented that **"Seward & Kissel has exceptional industry knowledge which enables them to add value to negotiated commercial points."**



The Legal 500 US

The Legal 500, in its United States 2022 edition, again included Seward & Kissel as a recommended firm in the M&A: middle-market (sub-\$500m) category.

A firm with offices in New York and Washington DC, Seward & Kissel LLP directs its attention to middle-market M&A deals, both domestic and multijurisdictional. The team, which is noted for its *'broad capabilities in investment management'*, is also active in the shipping, finance, media, veterinary and private equity fields and is headed by *'superstar'* lawyer Craig A Sklar alongside the *'excellent'* James Abbott.

TESTIMONIALS

- **"The team is very attentive to clients. Accessible and user-friendly. Great corporate law practice for the middle market."**
- **"Jim Abbott is very good. He breaks down arcane legal concepts into easy-to-understand chunks. He is also very approachable, accessible and friendly, while driving a hard bargain for his clients."**
- **"S&K gives the highest-quality legal advice focused on the practical objectives of clients rather than getting caught up in legal game-playing. This helps clients to close deals faster and with lower costs, while still addressing fundamentally important structuring and documentation issues."**
- **"Craig Sklar and Nick Katsanos have been our deal team leads for many years. They embody the virtues noted above. They are highly responsive and efficient, as well as being excellent lawyers."**
- **"Seward & Kissel is a top notch firm with broad capabilities in investment management, M&A, trusts and estates planning among many others. Attorneys have the right combination of legal and practical advice as well as the business acumen that is unusual to find in many lawyers. Top notch firm with partner involvement at every step. Overall you get great expertise at a reasonable price – my go to firm. Their team is amazing."**

NOTABLE PRACTITIONERS

Craig Sklar is well versed in M&A, joint ventures and private equity deals, with particular strength in investment management industry transactions.

"Craig is incredibly detail-oriented and is able to marry that without losing sight of the bigger picture." "Craig is a fantastic lawyer. He's a great problem solver, he's efficient and he gets deals done." "Craig Sklar is very business- and transaction-minded."

James Abbott is routinely engaged in domestic and cross-border M&A, joint ventures and private equity deals. His client base includes entities active in the media and shipping industries.

"James really spends time to understand his clients' objectives and he does not get bogged down in just scoring points." "I was impressed by the way he was able to understand the issues quickly." "It is a pleasure to work with James."

Nick Katsanos undertakes impressive work in M&A involving both public and private companies and private equity firms. He has experience acting for clients in a range of sectors including shipping and financial services.

"Nick has the ability to deal with uncertain situations with calm and ease." "He is consistently excellent in all regards." "Nick is incredibly communicative and transparent and provides incredible value to the negotiation process."

Danielle Lemberg is an impressive associate who earns praise from market sources for her excellent handling of M&A.

"Danielle is extremely responsive, considerate and clear in her communication. She is also very detailed in her style which yields a lot of trust in her work." "Danielle does a great job. She's very responsive."

Practice Heads
Craig Sklar, James Abbott

Hall of Fame
James Abbott

Next Generation Partners
Nick Katsanos

Rising stars
Danielle Lemberg

Other Key Lawyers
Gary Anderson



M&A Advisor Awards – Law Firm of the Year

The winners of the 2022 M&A Advisor Awards were revealed on November 15, 2022, at the 21st Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala held at the New York Athletic Club, and it was a great night for Seward & Kissel. A panel of independent M&A industry judges selected winners from over 400 companies across all award categories. Seward & Kissel was named winner of the **Law Firm of the Year** award and a transaction handled by Seward & Kissel's Business Transactions Group, our client Estancia Capital's acquisition of Reich & Tang, was declared winner of the **Financials Deal of the Year** award.

In addition, Seward & Kissel counsel **Danielle Lemberg** and **Dora Pulido** were both recognized by the M&A Advisor as Emerging Leaders celebrating the achievements of young M&A professionals who have achieved success and contributed to the industry.



(pictured from left to right: [back row] M&A Advisor CEO Roger Aguinaldo, Seward & Kissel attorneys Craig Sklar, Robert Kurucz, Anne Patin, Jeff Dorman, Danielle Lemberg, Meir Grossman, Stephanie Winkler, James Cofer, Dora Pulido, Grace Dahlstrom, Andrew Zekany, Jack Rotenstein, [front row] Jim Abbott, Eric Buchanan, Gary Anderson, Edward Matzner, Stephen Marks)



Seward & Kissel's Craig Sklar and James Abbott have been recognized by [Super Lawyers 2022](#), a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.



[IFLR1000](#) has ranked partners James Abbott, Craig Sklar and Nick Katsanos as Notable Practitioners in their 2022 *Leading Lawyers* ranking.



Associate Jeffrey Dorman was recognized in the [2023 Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch](#).