

# Seward & Kissel's M&A Practice Ranked as "Highly Regarded" in Chambers USA 2018

Seward & Kissel is pleased to announce that Chambers USA 2018 has ranked the Firm's Business Transactions Group as Highly Regarded for Corporate/M&A in New York for a sixth consecutive year, with both of the Group's co-heads, Jim Abbott and Craig Sklar, recognized as Leading Individuals. Additionally, partner Nick Katsanos was recommended as a 'Recognised Practitioner', and partner Gerhard Anderson was recommended as 'Up and Coming' in 2018.



Summarizing its independent research, Chambers USA had this to say:

**What the team is known for:** Particularly adept at sell-side and midmarket transactions. Recognized for its cross-border capabilities. Often advises clients working in investment management and the shipping industry.

**Strengths:** **"They were very communicative and we were able to resolve issues quickly and effectively,"** says a client.

**"They give very good, sound, practical advice,"** says a client.

**Work highlights:** Represented Emerging Global Advisors in its merger with Columbia Threadneedle Investments. Advised CARCO on its sale to CIP Capital.

**Notable practitioners:**

- **James Abbott** is best known for handling M&A, joint ventures and private equity deals. Sources say he **"possesses outstanding interpersonal skills and is a problem solver."**
- **Craig Sklar** is praised for his **"out-of-the-box thinking,"** which covers M&A, financings and general corporate matters among others. Clients note Sklar's **"thorough knowledge of the investment management industry, good understanding of deal dynamics and ability to propose adapted solutions."**
- **Gerhard Anderson** regularly works with public and private companies on M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances. Interviewees say he is **"particularly good at reminding us of a nuance that we may have missed that actually is important, as he has a great map in his mind of the architecture of each deal we do."**