

Global Human Capital and Compliance

Clients approach King & Spalding's Global Human Capital and Compliance team when they want to take a practical, strategic and commercial approach to global workforce issues.

We know that multinational clients operate as coordinated global brands, and not a collection of different employers from different countries. We understand the premium placed on good corporate citizenship and we appreciate the risks and commercial realities of operating a global business.

Our team has deep experience partnering with our clients to implement business changes that impact their people — modifying workforce structures, entering new markets, or applying a unified corporate culture across a global workforce.

At its core, our Global Human Capital and Compliance team helps clients develop and implement centralized and consistent global solutions to their workforce compliance, risk, growth and management challenges. We design workforce systems, processes and documents that address the myriad of evolving US and international labor and employment legal compliance requirements; assist multinational companies implement business-driven changes across their global workforce; develop commercially driven and lawful compensation, incentive arrangements (cash and equity) and benefit plans and policies to recruit, manage and retain high-performing and diverse global talent; manage day to day local, regional and global workforce issues and risk; and investigate and address employee misconduct.

The key element that differentiates us from our competitors is our centralized model and the experience and credentials of our team. We have an integrated team of highly experienced partners who have dealt with more than 500 multijurisdictional workforce projects

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Recognition

Member of the team ranked
Band 3 Labor & Employment
in NY

CHAMBERS USA, 2020

Member of the team ranked
Band 1 Labor and
Employment in Georgia

CHAMBERS USA, 2020

Members of the team ranked
as Noted Lawyers in
Employee Benefits,

covering 170 countries for some of the world's largest companies. We use a central point of contact partner led client team - to ensure efficiency and consistency and to capture and apply our experience and institutional knowledge. Our international employment experience, particularly across Asia, is second to none.

Our deep experience really counts as we are able to anticipate and address the hurdles across multiple legal jurisdictions at one time. We don't just provide information, we address the actual issues in the context of our clients' business goals. The scope of our experience is very broad and our advice is commercially driven, covering the full employment life-cycle for complex transactional, strategic, and compliance workforce matters.

Transactional

Employment and labor issues arising from cross-border mergers and acquisitions, spinoffs, joint ventures and outsourcings:

- HR due diligence
- international employment structures
- advice regarding union and/or works council consultation
- business transfer issues
- post-transaction workforce integration issues

Strategic

Strategic and commercial HR arrangements:

- employment and contingent workforce arrangements and structures - including for remote work
- retirement, health and benefit plans
- confidential information and IP issues
- executive compensation and equity plans
- international assignment/ transfer structures
- general retention and compensation arrangements - including commission and bonus arrangements
- non-compete/non-solicitation arrangements
- terminations—complex individual and large-scale reductions in force;

Compliance

Multijurisdictional compliance-related employment law issues:

- employment documents, workplace policies, handbooks and company regulations
- working hours/overtime
- leave entitlements and requirements
- health & safety

executive comp, and retirement plans: transactions

LEGAL 500, 2020

Member of the team has won more than 30 international and US awards including International Attorney of the Year

- privacy & data protection, including protection of employers' proprietary and confidential information
- anti-discrimination and harassment issues
- corporate compliance measures such as codes of conduct, whistleblowing, and anti-bribery programs
- management of employee grievances/claims

Cases & Deals

November 4, 2024

King & Spalding Advises Enersol on its Purchase of a U.S.-based Energy Technology Services Company, Deep Well Services

October 25, 2022

Spring Holding to File a Draft Simplified Public Tender Offer to Purchase Outstanding Shares of Manutan International

October 18, 2022

Almerys group to close its first LBO

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Insights

NEWSLETTER

April 9, 2025

Financial Services Focus – April 2025

CLIENT ALERT

March 31, 2025

Do or DEI - New Ethnicity and Disability Pay Gap Reporting and Other Updates

ARTICLE

February 28, 2025

How does the Trump FCPA pause change the landscape for non-American companies?

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 19, 2024

Moritz Heidbuechel to Speak at FutureLend 2024

WEBINAR

May 2, 2024

Client Briefing: FTC Final Rule on Non-Compete Agreements

WEBINAR

January 24, 2024

California MCLE Institute

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News

IN THE NEWS

October 6, 2024

Tessa Cranfield discusses the disability pay gap in the UK, which is the gap between median pay for disabled employees and non disabled employees

IN THE NEWS

August 21, 2024

Amanda Sonneborn comments on the Federal Trade Commission suffering its first definitive loss before a Texas federal court in its rulemaking push to ban employment noncompete agreements

IN THE NEWS

July 29, 2024

Amanda Sonneborn comments on the National Labor Relations Board's recent rule that will make it harder for unionized employees who no longer want to be represented by a union to choose

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