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Europe Practice

Our attorneys regularly assist companies with a presence in Europe by providing robust legal representation on a wide range of issues that impact international and domestic transactions.

Leech Tishman's Europe Practice focuses on assisting European companies doing business in the U.S., as well as American companies with European interests. Our attorneys are poised to advise on a multitude of issues impacting cross-border transactions, including general corporate matters, capital markets / securities issues, mergers & acquisitions, financing, regulatory compliance, immigration and employment-related visas, intellectual property, real estate matters, litigation, tax issues and implications, and more.

Our interdisciplinary legal team works together to advise investors, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and public and private companies across a wide range of industries in complex legal transactions that require robust legal representation. We have experience assisting European clients in navigating structuring, financing opportunities, and regulatory compliance issues, licensing/distribution agreements, and selling their products and services within the U.S. and internationally.

Our Europe Practice attorneys have spent time living, working, and volunteering in Europe, speak fluent Italian, Russian, German, and Spanish, and have built strong professional relationships with local business leaders, entrepreneurs, regulators, and universities. We have a keen understanding of European business practices and cultural dynamics, market opportunities, and regulatory issues impacting European and U.S. markets. In addition to the sophisticated legal advice our team offers, we are also experienced with building bridges between European companies and U.S. investors.

Our attorneys are also well-versed in assisting European clients with immigration needs, including obtaining the necessary professional visas that allow business owners and employees to live and work in the U.S. We have assisted start-up and established companies, as well as agencies, athletes, and entertainers.

Leech Tishman is a member of Avrio Advocati, an international lawyers' network headquartered in Belgium, with member firms all across the world.

Leech Tishman's Europe Practice is part of the firm's broader International Practice, assisting clients with interests in the U.S., the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia.

Services

Our European Practice has the experience and skillset to effectively assist clients with legal concerns related to a wide breath of cross-border legal issues. We regularly counsel clients on a wide range of issues, including:

- Capital markets / securities
- Contractual agreements
- Corporate governance
- Corporate structuring
- Cross-border / customs issues
- Data privacy & cybersecurity
- Entity formation
- Environmental concerns
- Financing
- Fraud
- Government lobbying
- Government investigations
- Immigration and employment-related visas
- Intellectual property / licensing agreements
- Litigation & alternative dispute resolution
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Private equity
- Regulatory compliance including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
- Real estate
- Start-up services
- Tax advice and planning
- Venture capital / private investments

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Representative Experience

Our attorneys have decades of experience handling complex matters for European clients with interests in the U.S., as well as U.S. companies conducting business in Europe.

- Negotiated real estate contract on behalf of Italian shareholders for commercial property within the U.S.
- Counseled U.S. client regarding European subsidiaries, including handling corporate issues, licensing, and trademark matters.
- Represented Swiss client in real estate development and financing matters.
- Represented an Irish client in a dispute involving U.S. companies and individuals in New York and Connecticut.
- Handled corporate and litigation matters on behalf of a China-based client who has investments in Europe.
- Represented UK technology and engineering client in corporate and immigration matters, including establishing U.S. subsidiary and obtaining investor visas to transfer skilled workers to the U.S.
- Represented actors and sports agents in obtaining green cards and/or temporary professional visas for extraordinary professionals.
- Represented Pittsburgh-based software company in obtaining H-1B visas for foreign talent
- Represented large hotelier who purchased a hotel in Beverly Hills and assisted employees in obtaining employment-related visas.
- Represented a plastic recycling resin company who regularly employs European engineers
- Obtained green card for Italian chef who moved to the U.S.
- Counseled French law firm regarding a lawsuit against a Japanese company for wrongful termination of employment.
- Coordinated trademark strategy with a Swiss attorney on behalf of an Israeli client who resides in Switzerland to obtain a U.S. trademark registration, as well as filed a U.S. patent application on behalf of the client.