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Lawrence Berkovich is a partner in the Corporate Department and a member of the firm's Structured Credit group. He brings over 25 years of legal experience to the structured finance sector, with the past two decades specializing in collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) and related structured products. His practice focuses on broadly syndicated loan, private credit and middle-market CLOs, rated and unrated leveraged loan warehouse facilities, structured term financing facilities backed by portfolios of loans, risk retention financings and a variety of other asset-backed loan and securities transactions, as well as CLO refinancings, resets, reissuances, upsizings and restructurings.

He is a strategic advisor to a diverse client base that spans underwriters, issuers, collateral managers, administrative agents, co-lender banks, and debt and equity investors. Lawrence has served as principal outside counsel to two major global investment banks in the development of their CLO and leveraged loan warehousing platforms and has advised numerous institutions on the creation and execution of innovative risk retention financing facilities.

In addition to his transactional prowess, Lawrence has extensive experience in derivative instruments — including credit default swaps, total return swaps, interest rate swaps, and currency swaps — and routinely advises clients on regulatory and

compliance matters relating to CLOs. His guidance extends to U.S. federal securities laws, the Dodd-Frank Act, the Volcker Rule, and credit risk retention rules in the U.S., EU and UK.

Lawrence is widely regarded as a thought leader in the CLO space, frequently speaking at leading industry forums and serving as a trusted voice on market trends and regulatory developments.  A client shared with Chambers USA that “Lawrence is really smart, savvy and knowledgeable about the space" and "he is a smart and innovative lawyer who can handle complex issues." Another client enthuses that “he is terrific and always gets the job done. His main strength is that he really understands the business needs and always finds a creative solution to reconcile that with the law."

## Practices

Corporate/Transactional, Fund Finance, Structured Credit, Investment Management, Capital Markets, Broker-Dealer, Private Funds, Global Finance

## Industries

Private Capital, Financial Services, Asset Management

## Market Solutions

Corporate Governance

## Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.
University of Chicago, M.A., with honors
University of Chicago, B.A., with honors

## Admissions & Qualifications

England & Wales, Registered Foreign Lawyer
New York
North Carolina

## Awards & Recognition

Chambers Global: Capital Markets: Securitization: CLOs 2020-2025

Chambers USA: Capital Markets: Securitization: CLOs, Nationwide 2020-2026

Legal 500 USA: Structured Finance: Securitization 2022