

Vedder Highlights

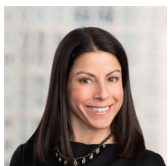
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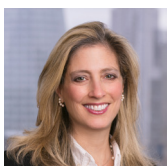
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New Shareholders

Christine De Pree Investment Services, Chicago

Ms. De Pree brings to the firm more than 22 years of both in-house and firm experience in counseling investment companies and investment advisers in connection with regulatory, compliance and transactional issues. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. De Pree spent the last nine years at Franklin Templeton where she focused on fund disclosure and transactions.

Todd Lurie Investment Services, Washington, DC

Mr. Lurie brings extensive global experience in the areas of cleared and non-cleared derivatives; investment management advisory services, including fund formation; and regulation, among others. Prior to joining the firm, he spent more than 18 years at MetLife, Inc., where he was responsible for strategic advisory for MetLife's global derivatives platform, including documentation, transactional review and engagement with state, federal and global regulators.

Gregg Bernhard Real Estate, Los Angeles

The primary focus of Mr. Bernhard's practice is on domestic real estate transactions, with an emphasis on acquisition, leasing financing and development. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Bernhard spent the previous seven years as a Partner with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, and he brings to Vedder Price extensive experience in representing owners, sellers, buyers, borrowers and tenants in various facets of commercial real estate

Adam Schwartz Government Investigations & White Collar Defense, Miami

Mr. Schwartz brings private practice experience from working with other firms, as well as several years of experience working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Economic Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida and as Senior Trial Counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Vedder Price Recognized in Chambers USA in 2023

Practice Group Rankings

- **Band 1:**

Transportation: Aviation: Finance (Nationwide)

- **Band 2:**

Labor & Employment: Highly Regarded (California)

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Illinois)

Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Illinois)

Government Contracts: Highly Regarded (Nationwide)

- **Band 3:**

Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Illinois)

Labor & Employment: The Elite (Illinois)

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Texas)

Registered Funds (Nationwide)

Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Finance (Nationwide)

Attorney Rankings

- **Band 1**

Cathy Gonzales O'Kelly – Registered Funds (Nationwide)

Jeffrey T. Veber – Transportation: Aviation: Finance (Nationwide)

- **Band 2**

Wayne M. Aaron – Financial Services Regulation: Broker Dealer – Enforcement (Nationwide)

Jeffrey J. Ansley – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Texas)

Jonathan Kurry Real Estate, Miami

A former Partner at Reed Smith and General Counsel of Turnberry Associates, Mr. Kurry has dedicated his career to guiding investors, developers and lenders through complex real estate transactions, including commercial real estate finance, acquisition, development and management. Mr. Kurry is joined by Associate Beth Rosenblatt and will leverage his extensive experience and network to help further develop the firm's national Real Estate practice and capability to serve South Florida clients.

Recent Wins

Vedder Price Represents JetSmart Airlines in Aircraft Portfolio Transaction

Vedder Price represented JetSmart Airlines, a South American ultra low-cost carrier, in connection with the closing of an aircraft sale and lease novation transaction. In addition to Partner Neil Poland, the Vedder Price legal team on the transaction also included Solicitor Esha Nath.

Vedder Price Represents LongueVue Capital in Investment in Global Gourmet Food Solutions

Vedder Price represented LongueVue Capital in its investment in Global Gourmet Food Solutions, a Garland, Texas-based, second-generation family food manufacturer that has developed expertly crafted Asian, Latin and American cuisines for 30 years.

The Vedder Price deal team was led by Shareholders Michael Nemeroff and David Swendsen, and included Corporate Associates Alexa Zelmanowicz and Natalie Fine, Finance Shareholder Marie Godush and Associate Bradley Hemmer, Real Estate Shareholder Patrick Johnston, Tax Shareholder Matthew Larvick and Associate Robbie Alipour, and Health Care Associates Shalyn McKitt and Andrew Sylora.



Marguerite C. Bateman – Registered Funds (Nationwide)

Adam R. Beringer – Transportation: Aviation: Finance (Nationwide)

Michael M. Eidelman – Bankruptcy/ Restructuring (Illinois)

Geoffrey R. Kass – Transportation: Aviation: Finance (Nationwide)

Blaine C. Kimrey – Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Illinois)

Douglas J. Lipke – Bankruptcy/ Restructuring (Illinois)

- **Band 3**

John E. Bradley – Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Finance (Nationwide)

Kevin P. Connelly – Government Contracts (Nationwide)

Brent Connor – Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory (Nationwide)

Bradley C. Crawford – Banking & Finance (California)

Thomas G. Hancuch – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Illinois)

Ryan S. Hedges – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Illinois)

Michael A. Nemeroff – Corporate/ M&A (Illinois)

Kenneth F. Sparks – Labor & Employment (Illinois)

Stephanie C. Sparks – Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation – Electricity (Texas)

Kelly A. Starr – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Illinois)

Vedder Price Secures \$1.18 Million Attorneys' Fees Settlement from City and County of San Francisco

Vedder Price obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of its clients, former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency commissioner Melvin Lee and Teresa Wong, owners of The Avenue Assisted Living. The settlement, totaling \$1.18 million, marks a successful conclusion to a multi-year litigation in which the City and County of San Francisco and the People of the State of California sought over \$8 million in contract damages and penalties for alleged unfair acts for denying housing to needy seniors. In addition to a monetary award, the City sought an order requiring the sale of The Avenue, which the City valued at \$45 million. In addition to Michelle Landry, the Vedder Price litigation team included attorneys Mindy Wong and Peter Walrod.



Vedder Price Advises De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. in \$850M Securitization Transaction of Construction, Transportation and Industrial-Related Equipment Financings

Vedder Price represented De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. (DLLFS), as originator, sponsor and servicer, in connection with the DLLMT 2023-1 securitization that closed recently, issuing notes totaling \$850 million. The notes are backed by secured loans and leases involving construction, transportation and industrial-related equipment. Vedder Price had also advised DLL Finance LLC, an affiliate of DLLFS, regarding a securitization transaction that closed in February 2023. The Vedder Price team included Capital Markets Shareholder Kevin A. MacLeod and Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Edward K. Gross.

Awards and Accolades

Vedder Price Global Transportation Business Aviation Practice and Attorneys Recognized in *Chambers High Net Worth Rankings 2023*

We are delighted to share that Vedder Price has once again achieved remarkable recognition for its Business Aviation practice, marking the eighth consecutive year of acknowledgment by *Chambers High Net Worth 2023*.

Thomas M. Wilde – Labor & Employment (Illinois)

Junaid A. Zubairi – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Illinois)

Up and Coming

Kelly E. Buroker – Government Contracts (Nationwide)

Arianna Goodman – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Texas)

John S. Marten – Registered Funds (Nationwide)

Candice T. Zee – Labor & Employment (California)

Twelve Vedder Price Practice Areas and 46 Attorneys Distinguished in *The Legal 500 United States* in 2023

Vedder Price is pleased to announce its recognition in *The Legal 500 United States* 2023. We are proud to have 12 of our practice areas acknowledged, with 46 of our attorneys receiving individual accolades. For a thirteenth consecutive year, we have been honored with two “Top-Tier Firm” rankings in Transportation: Aviation and Air Travel – Finance, as well as Transportation: Rail and Road – Finance.

Ranked Departments:

Private Aircraft (Global-wide) – Band 1

Ranked Lawyers:

David M. Hernandez – Band 1

Edward K. Gross – Band 1

Derek Watson – Band 2

Arlene Gelman Recognized in *Lawdragon’s* “500 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers” Guide

Vedder Price is pleased to announce that Arlene Gelman, Shareholder and Co-Chair of the Creditors’ Rights and Collections group, has been selected once again as one of *Lawdragon’s* “500 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers.”

Vedder Price Attorneys Recognized in 2024 *Best Lawyers® in the United Kingdom*

Vedder Price is pleased to announce that four London attorneys have been recognized by Best Lawyers® in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*:

Gavin Hill – Asset Finance Law

Neil Poland – Asset Finance Law

Dylan Potter – Asset Finance Law

Trevor Wood – Corporate Finance Law

Edward Gross, Neil Poland and David Hernandez Recognized in *Spear’s Magazine’s* Aviation and Yachts Index 2023

Vedder Price is pleased to announce that Shareholders Edward Gross, Neil Poland and David Hernandez, members of the firm’s Global Transportation Finance team, have been honored by *Spear’s Magazine* as legal professionals in its exclusive “best aviation and yacht lawyers for high-net-worth individuals” 2023 list. Standing among a distinguished group of only 28 attorneys, these individuals possess extensive expertise in yachts and aviation, ensuring their clients navigate complex challenges and fulfill their obligations seamlessly throughout the entire lifecycle of these significant assets.