THE BOSTON OFFICE

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Duane Morris' BOSTON OFFICE offers a diversified practice to a wide range of clients in New England and beyond, from longestablished businesses to those in newly emerging industries. With the resources of a global law firm, our Boston lawyers represent multinational corporations, regional middle-market companies and individuals.

CHAMBERS USA

CHAMBERS USA 2018 ranked Duane Morris among the top firms in Massachusetts for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.



U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS



U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS BEST LAW FIRMS 2019 recognized the Boston office in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law.

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

Second HBS case study of the firm, entitled "Duane Morris: Collaborating for Growth," was part of the HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL curriculum and made available to business schools around the world for course study.



CHAMBERS



portfolio of 128 startups each

year across a broad set of practice areas-from early stage incorporation to complex IP and financing issues. Duane Morris' support and their team's breadth and depth of experience has enabled our companies to be more successful, more quickly."

> Leo Guyshan, Program Director MassChallenge Boston

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

BOSTON ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

- Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts: Attorneys represent entrepreneurs, artists and inventors in various business related and corporate governance related issues as well as in securing intellectual property rights to their creations.
- Greater Boston Legal Services: More than 60 million Americans live in poverty and qualify for free legal assistance. Duane Morris attorneys represent low-income Bostonians pro bono in a myriad of civil legal issues including homeless prevention.
- Harvard Veterans Law Clinic: Attorneys assist veterans and their families with disability and benefits appeals as well as petitioning to upgrade improper or inequitable military discharges. Our work recognizes the sacrifices these men and women have made for the United States, and helps solve significant problems that have arisen in their lives as a result of their service.
- Lawyers for Children America: Children are the most legally under-represented and vulnerable members of society. Duane Morris attorneys serve as guardian ad litem, advocating for children who have been abused and/or neglected in dependency, custody and related foster care proceedings.
- American Cancer Society: Our Boston office assembles a team each year to participate in Making Strides of Boston, a breast cancer fundraiser and awareness walk. We have consistently raised significant funds for the organization.
- The Institute of Contemporary Art: Duane Morris acted as construction counsel in drafting and negotiating contracts for the watershed project in East Boston.
 - "Duane Morris' diligent efforts and tremendous insights into bankruptcy law and the reorganization process gave CrossHarbor the advantage it needed to be successful in its efforts to acquire Yellowstone Club. The case was extraordinarily complicated and contentious, with a number of twists and turns along the way. The attorneys at Duane Morris were always a step ahead, and we were ultimately successful thanks to the guidance and efforts of the Duane Morris team."

Samuel T. Byrne, Managing Partner **CrossHarbor Capital Partners LLC**

EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

CORPORATE DEAL MAKING

Represented BALCHEM CORPORATION in connection with its acquisition of Performance Chemicals & Ingredients Company (d/b/a SensoryEffects), a privately held supplier of customized food and beverage ingredient systems, for a purchase price of \$567 million in cash. In conjunction with that transaction, the team also represented Balchem in connection with the negotiation, documentation and closing of a \$450 million syndicated senior credit facility obtained by Balchem to finance the acquisition, which was led by Bank of America, NA and arranged by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

LITIGATION AND NEGOTIATING

Represented DICERNA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. against claims of trade secret misappropriation brought by Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. a competing pharmaceutical company. Dicerna alleged the lawsuit was brought for the ulterior purpose of interfering with their business and asserted counterclaims for abuse of process, tortious interference and unfair trade practices. The counterclaims survived three rounds of dispositive motion practice. The case was settled on the eve of trial.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Represented petitioners METRICS, INC. and JOHNSON MATTHEY, INC. before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in an *inter partes* review of patents covering Bausch & Lomb's ophthalmic drug Prolensa. The Patent Trial and Appeal Board granted the petition, finding the patent claims invalid as obvious in view of the prior art.

LEADERS IN BANKRUPTCY

Acted as court-appointed chapter 11 trustee overseeing the bankruptcy and liquidation of the NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING CENTER. As a result of the proceedings, a \$200 million settlement was reached. The judge presiding over the case, Judge Henry J. Boroff, was quoted as saying, "This plan and its associated trust agreements are the best that could have been achieved for the hundreds of people for whom there could be no full compensation. And that this is, in my view, the highest and best use of the Bankruptcy Code ... "

EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

The Boston office represents businesses and health and educational institutions in employment litigation matters, including the defense of employment discrimination cases, wrongful discharge cases, wage and hour claims, employment contract matters and restrictive covenant litigation. In addition to employment litigation defense, the office counsels firm clients on employment matters, including the preparation of human resource policies and handbooks, sexual harassment and other employee investigations, hiring decisions and reductions in force. The office also performs harassment prevention and other personnel trainings.

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

Our Boston Construction attorneys represented a large regional utility construction contractor in the negotiation and drafting of EPC and CM-At Risk contract documents in connection with several significant electric transmission line projects across the Southeastern and Midwestern United States.



"Rick Ball and his team at Duane Morris worked across practice areas including IP, Regulatory and Trial to assure that FDA approved a shared sodium oxybate REMS that complied with FDA regulations and did not infringe the Jazz Orange Book patents. The team approach to solving complex legal and business problems is a hallmark of working with Duane Morris."

Poonam Kumar, Assoc. Vice President Regulatory & Analytical Wockhardt USA/Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals

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Lake Tahoe	Washington, D.C.
Las Vegas	Wilmington
Los Angeles	

INTERNATIONAL

Hanoi	Oman	
Ho Chi Minh City	Shanghai	
London	Singapore	
Myanmar	Taiwan	
► Joint ventures in Myanmar,		

- Oman, Shanghai and Singapore
- ► Alliances in Mexico and Sri Lanka
- Leadership position with international network of independent law firms

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