

International

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In today's interconnected global economy, international legal issues are no longer the exception—they are the rule. For businesses entering the U.S. market or U.S.-based companies expanding abroad, navigating different legal systems, regulatory frameworks, and commercial practices requires experienced, culturally fluent counsel.

At Miller Nash, we advise domestic and international clients on the full spectrum of cross-border legal matters. Whether it's structuring foreign investments in the U.S., managing international regulatory compliance, resolving disputes across jurisdictions, or executing cross-border transactions, our attorneys provide practical, business-minded guidance grounded in deep experience.

We work closely with in-house counsel, business leaders, and global partners to deliver seamless, strategic service. With strong international relationships, language capabilities, and a trusted network of foreign counsel, we help our clients advance their global goals while managing legal and commercial risk across borders.

International Trade

Our team advises clients on the full spectrum of international trade compliance including designing policies, procedures, and training, as well as overall enforcement and strategy. We help businesses understand and comply with U.S. and international export controls including ITAR and EAR compliance, sanctions regimes (including OFAC), trade remedies, and customs regulations. Our attorneys also assist with tariff classification and valuation issues, duty mitigation, and dispute resolution with customs authorities. We represent clients before the International Trade Commission (ITC) and in Section 337 investigations and regularly coordinate with foreign counsel to align strategies across jurisdictions.

Cross-Border Transactions

Drafting and negotiating contracts across jurisdictions requires a nuanced understanding of divergent legal systems, commercial norms, and enforcement challenges. Our attorneys have negotiated hundreds of cross-border contracts involving technology, manufacturing, joint ventures, licensing, procurement, and supply chains across more than 35 countries. We tailor agreements to account for applicable law, currency risk, dispute resolution, enforceability, and cultural considerations, ensuring they serve business needs while minimizing future risk.

Cross-Border Transactions

Mergers & Acquisitions

Cross-border mergers & acquisitions present unique complexities—from regulatory compliance and tax structuring to due diligence across foreign jurisdictions. Our team has handled acquisitions, joint ventures, divestitures, and restructuring transactions involving parties throughout Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas. We understand the critical role of cultural sensitivity and local counsel coordination in successful cross-border dealmaking. Our attorneys routinely advise and conduct reviews on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) compliance, CFIUS submissions, and post-closing integration strategies.

Intellectual Property

We help clients protect and enforce their intellectual property on a global scale. This includes filing international trademark and patent applications, managing international IP portfolios, negotiating cross-border IP agreements, and coordinating enforcement strategies with foreign counsel. Our team assists with border enforcement measures, including customs recordation and seizures, and advises on data-driven industries where IP and technology transfer issues intersect with trade regulations and export controls.

International Tax & Structuring

International tax planning requires foresight, technical knowledge, and precision. We assist with tax-efficient structuring of foreign operations, inbound and outbound investments, and compliance with complex U.S. rules such as Subpart F, GILTI, FDII, ECI, and treaty-based positions. Our attorneys also advise on entity classification (check-the-box), income tax withholding, and foreign tax credit utilization, helping clients optimize global tax positions while managing compliance risks.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

International disputes require strategic thinking, jurisdictional insight, and skilled advocacy. Our litigators are adept at managing complex disputes with cross-border implications in U.S. courts and foreign jurisdictions. We help clients navigate service of process under the Hague Conventions, obtain discovery abroad, and work with international experts. Our firm maintains strong relationships with top-tier foreign counsel, enabling fast, effective collaboration across borders. We are proud to serve as counsel to Process Forwarding International, the U.S.-appointed authority under key international service and evidence conventions.

International Arbitration

Our international arbitration practice spans tribunals such as the ICC, SIAC, CIETAC, AAA/ICDR, the Stockholm Chamber, and others. We understand the written and unwritten rules of international arbitration and adapt our advocacy style to reflect different procedural norms and cultural expectations. With deep experience managing multilingual proceedings, selecting arbitrators, and coordinating with co-counsel abroad, we ensure that our clients are well-positioned for success in even the most complex international matters.

Privacy & Data Security

Data flows don't stop at borders—and neither does our counsel. We advise global companies on cross-border data transfers, compliance with privacy laws such as GDPR and U.S. state privacy regimes, and vendor contracting for cloud services, databases, and IT infrastructure. Our team has reviewed and negotiated hundreds of data-centric agreements in international transactions. We also guide clients through data breach response while coordinating with foreign regulators to ensure timely, strategic communications.

Employment and Labor Law

International business and cross-border employment raises critical legal and operational questions, from employment and labor law compliance and global mobility to international equity compensation and restrictive covenants. We assist employers with deploying talent across borders, preparing employment agreements and contracts, preserving at-will employment when available, and navigating local employment and labor laws through collaboration with foreign counsel. Restrictive covenants in employment are particularly problematic across borders, and we provide sound advice as well as litigation services for navigating their enforcement. We also advise on employment issues in international mergers & acquisitions, including harmonization of benefits and integration of workforces, as well as workforce notice requirements. Our employment and labor law team is experienced in all aspects of the international business of employees.

Conclusion

At Miller Nash, our international practice is built on a foundation of technical excellence, cultural fluency, and real-world experience. Many of our attorneys have lived, worked, or studied abroad, and bring multilingual capabilities and cross-cultural understanding that enhance our ability to serve clients globally. Through our extensive international network of trusted foreign counsel and advisors, we provide clients with responsive, coordinated legal support, no matter where their business takes them. Whether entering the U.S. market, expanding operations overseas, managing cross-border transactions, or resolving international disputes, Miller Nash is a trusted partner for navigating the legal complexities of a global business environment.