

Miller Canfield Opens D.C. Office, Adds Leading Attorneys to Bolster International, Defense Practices

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Miller Canfield announced the opening of its office in Washington, D.C., as three attorneys—principals Pawel Chudzicki and Władek Rzycki, and senior attorney Lana Yaghi—joined the firm today. The announcement was made by CEO Michael McGee.

The addition of the three attorneys, coming to Miller Canfield from global firm K&L Gates, adds strength to Miller Canfield's robust and growing international practice team. It also enables the firm to enhance the scope of services for domestic and international clients through the opening a Washington, D.C., office that will be led by Chudzicki. The addition also strengthens the firm's Polish capabilities, with three offices in Warsaw, Gdynia and Wrocław, positioning Miller Canfield as the leading firm for clients engaged in U.S.-Polish business matters.

"Our clients increasingly operate in global and highly regulated environments," McGee said. "Pawel, Władek and Lana will fit seamlessly within our firm, as we represent clients involved in manufacturing, defense, cybersecurity, automotive, banking, and government contracting."

McGee further noted that the international full-service capabilities offered by Miller Canfield, including international dispute resolution and arbitration, cross-border transactions capabilities and a robust export controls/International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) practice, is something usually only offered by large coastal law firms.

The team will maintain its focus on representing U.S. clients in the aerospace, defense, offset and cybersecurity sectors engaged in business in Poland and Qatar, two strong allies of the United States and important markets for the U.S. manufacturing and service sectors. Additionally, the team works in close cooperation with former United States Secretary of the Army John McHugh on matters related to defense policy and procurement.

Chudzicki advises clients on complex global strategic matters and cross-border business transactions in industries that include defense, aerospace, banking, transportation, telecommunication, media, manufacturing and cybersecurity. He has considerable experience in building and integrating law firm practices. He has practiced in Washington, D.C., Warsaw, Poland and Doha, Qatar, and has worked with clients around the globe. Chudzicki is licensed in Illinois and the District of Columbia. He is recognized by leading law firm and lawyer research and ranking organization Chambers and Partners for his expertise in Qatar corporate and commercial law.

Rzycki advises defense and aerospace companies, multinationals, private equity funds, real estate and infrastructure investors, and public-sector clients in Poland, the United States and the Middle East. Over the past 17 years, Rzycki built the leading defense and offset practice in Poland, representing clients in procurement, Polish company acquisitions, and regulatory and offset matters. To date, he has worked on eight offset programs in Poland, negotiating and supervising technology transfers and industrialization programs. Rzycki is a Polish and U.S. lawyer, licensed in Illinois and New York, and ranked by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500. He is based in Miller Canfield's Poland and Chicago offices.

Yaghi's practice focuses on corporate matters in industries that include aerospace, defense, manufacturing, banking, telecommunications and cybersecurity. Fluent in Arabic, Yaghi has worked extensively in Qatar, representing and advising conglomerates and multinational businesses in cross-border matters. Yaghi frequently counsels corporations

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and high net worth individuals in corporate aviation transactions around the world. Licensed in the District of Columbia and New York, Yaghi will work in Miller Canfield's Washington, D.C. and New York offices.

"Together with our other international offices in Shanghai, China; Monterrey, Mexico; and Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Miller Canfield is able to provide seamless, expert cross-border business and legal advice to U.S. and international clients with business interests across the globe," concluded McGee.