

## Miller Canfield to Open Office in Mexico

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The law firm of Miller Canfield announces that it is opening an office in Monterrey, Mexico – the country’s automotive manufacturing and business center and the Mexican headquarters of thousands of manufacturing companies from around the world. The firm also has offices in the U.S., Canada, Poland and China.

The Miller Canfield Mexico office will further the firm’s ability to advise clients in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia and also in Mexico. The firm’s Mexican office will focus on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate and commercial transactions, labor and employment, tax, litigation and intellectual property law.

“Mexico remains a large and strategically important market for our U.S., Canadian, Asian and European clients,” said Richard A. Walawender, director of the firm’s Corporate Group. “This is an unprecedented time for many of our clients trying to navigate volatility while operating in a distressed world economy.”

Michael W. Hartmann, CEO of Miller Canfield, added, “We help clients do business throughout the world. We’re dealing with and anticipating issues that require on-the-ground resources and seamless legal representation.”

Miller Canfield attorneys have many years of experience representing companies with interests in international markets. The Miller Canfield Mexico Practice Team is led by Mexican attorneys, Alberto J. Murga and Otto H. Sampogna, and U.S. attorney Michele M. Compton. The team will also be supported by numerous lawyers with expertise in Mexican and international transactions and disputes, led by Richard A. Walawender and Richard C. Sanders.

Michele Compton brings many years of experience in contract law, mergers and acquisitions, and financing transactions, and counsels businesses in their international dealings. Alberto Murga is a former international counselor to Grupo Protexa and a former legal department manager of one of the world’s largest accounting firms. His expertise includes corporate, finance, tax, and labor and employment law. Otto Sampogna is former in-house general counsel of automotive supplier, Metalsa. His experience includes corporate, tax, and international law, including foreign trade, customs, and mergers and acquisitions.

One of the U.S.’s largest and oldest firms, Miller Canfield opened offices in Poland in the early nineties, then expanded to Canada in 2002. In recent years, the firm opened new offices in Chicago, Illinois and Shanghai, China, and a second Canadian office in Toronto. In March 2009, the firm announced its expansion in Toronto with the merger of Gaertner Tobin LLP. Miller Canfield was established in Detroit in 1852 and has offices in Michigan, Illinois, Florida, New York, Canada, Poland, Mexico and China. For more information, visit [www.millercanfield.com](http://www.millercanfield.com).